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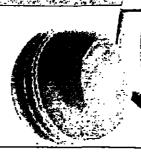
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Beef imports threatened

'Mad sheep' fears prompt slaughter

By Michael Hornsby, agriculture correspondent, and Nigel Hawkes

THE Government is to extend 'mad cow" controls to sheep because of fears that they may also have become infected with the fatal brain disease, and will order the compulsory slaughter of all sheep suspected of having scrapie.

Jack Cunningham, the Agriculture Minister, said he was acting on scientific advice that BSE (bovine spongiform encephalopathy) might have jumped to sheep from cattle and be disguised as scrapie, a closely related brain disease.

"I must emphasise there is no scientific evidence there is any BSE in the sheep flock". he said. What we are taking are sound, precautionary measures to avoid any possible risk to consumers, no matter how remote."

Dr Cunningham also announced that the Government will ban beef imports from had cases of BSE in their cattle herds and do not apply the same controls against the dis-BRIZIN. At p only Ireland, among Euro-Union member states, has full safeguards.

The rest of the EU would be given until July 22 to come into line. "I would much prefer to have Europe-wide regulations enforced, but if agreement cannot be reached at the council of agriculture minis-

This is no game. This is no bluff. I am in earnest in making this announcement. The draft orders are in my briefcase. It is nothing to do with protectionism. It is based on very important advice to

He added: "I thought it was an absurd situation that, with all the rigorous controls on beef in this country, we are importing beef not subject to

the same safeguards."
Dr Cunningham said four weeks of consultation would be held with farmers on how best to conduct the sheep slaughter. Farmers would be offered compensation equal to the average market price for culled ewes to provide an incentive to notify animals

suspected of having scrapie. In addition, spinal cords would have to be removed at the abattoir from all sheep and goats more than a year old, and spleen would have to be removed from all sheep and goats of any age. Heads are already banned for human consumption or animal feed.

The Spongiform Encephalopathy Advisory Committee (SEAC) first suggested in July of last year that these organs could pose a public health risk because of the possibility BSE feed containing meat and bone meal derived from infected cattle remains.

Its head, Professor John Pattison, said the only reason his committe had not recommended that spinal cord be removed then was that abattoirs did not have the neces-

the tissues most likely to be infected. The altered advice reflects a changed perception abour how BSE may have arisen. When it first appeared, it was assumed to be a modified form of scrapie, caused in cattle fed on material that included sheepmeat

Scrapie itself appears to pose no threat. But there is another possibility: BSE itself could exist in sheep, either as a spontaneous change in the scrapie infective agent, or by recycling material from infected cows. It is this possibility which led to the ban on the consumption of the heads of sheep and goats and the new recommendations.

Establishing that any particular strain of scrapie is identical to BSE is a lengthy procedure, since there is no quick test to distinguish between strains. The recommendations are therefore prudent but are unlikely to lead to the complete elimination of scrapie in sheep in Britain.

been attempted, infected flocks have been slaughtered but new flocks introduced later to the same pasture land developed the disease.

About 18 million sheep are slaughtered for human consumption in Britain every year but there are no reliable we could to find it."

How the pride of Australia fell as they were put to the test







Mark Waugh is bowled by Gough

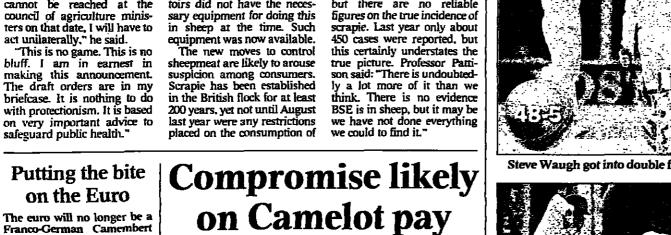




Steve Waugh got into double figures



... but Ian Healy was out first ball



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Franco-German Camembert currency — hard on the out-side but soft on the inside. It will be more like an oozing. Dolcelatte torta - riddled in its very essence with green veins of corruption but all the more delicious for that.

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By Jon Ashworth

with the Government last night in a last-minute attempt to break the impasse over "fat cat" pay. Chris Smith, the Heritage

Secretary, has demanded steep concessions from Carnelot, claiming that high levels of pay at a time of declining sales threaten to damage public confidence in the draw. The two sides were secretly thrashing out a compromise, ahead of a Camelot board meeting

It has been suggested that Camelot's three top directors, including Tim Holley, the chief executive, might resign rather than give up their personal bonuses. The threat remained last night, but it appeared more likely that a compromise would be struck. It is understood that sources at a high level within the Government made contact with Camelor yesterday afternoon and expressed their concern.

The resignation of key Cam-elot directors would plunge the National Lottery into uncertainty and threaten a knock-on effect for the privatised electricity and water companies, which have been criticised over high levels of boardroom pay. The Institute of Directors said government meddling in private enterprise sent a worrying signal to wider business.

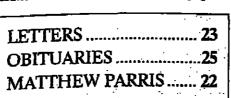
CAMELOT was holding talks Mr Holley and his colleagues. David Rigg, director of com-munications, and Peter Murphy, finance director, have threatened to resign at today's board meeting. They have borne the brunt of criticism in

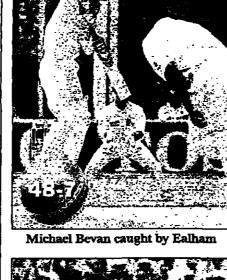
the "fat cats" row. Mr Smith has demanded that the Camelot directors hand back their bonuses. Mr Holley, 56, received a bonus of £127,000 and a long-term incentive payment of £176,000, taking his overall 1996 package to £590,000. Mr Rigg, 49, and Mr Murphy, 40, each got

E170,000 in bonuses. Camelot has offered to pay an amount equivalent to the bonuses to charity from its own profits, but Mr Smith wants the directors to make a personal sacrifice. In further concessions, Camelot has pledged to pay £6 million in interest earned on its prize fund shortfall to good causes, and has agreed to consider ways of running the lottery on

a "not for profit" basis. The Department of National Heritage refused to say what it would do if Mr Holley and his colleagues were to resign. The Office of the National Lottery (Oflot), which regulates Carnelot, said it could not comment until it knew the outcome of today's

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Conservative membership falls by half in five years

By Peter Riddell

THE state of the Tory party at the grassroots is even worse than suspected, according to an exclusive survey for The Times showing that membership has fallen by nearly a half in the

Tory membership is now a maximum of 350,000 to 400,000, and possibly very much less. This is the first time that the Tories have had fewer members than Labour, which has boosted its membership by two thirds since 1992, to 420,000. The findings provide powerful ammunition for the growing debate among candidates for the party leadership about how to revive its batttered organisation.

The results have emerged as John Major has made known that he plans to remain active in Tory affairs after he gives up the leadership in a fortnight. He will urge a sweeping reform of party organisation, a central membership list and a broader franchise for the election of the party leader.

In many inner cities, in Glasgow and the Welsh valleys, the Tory party has virtually ceased to exist and is mainly kept going by a tiny handful of elderly stalwarts.

The survey has been conducted for *The Times* by Michael Pinto-Duschinsky, a leading expert on party organisation and senior research fellow at Brunel University. His estimate of total membership is based on statistics - many of which are not known to Conservative Central Office - collected from 340 local Tory associations. He concedes that even these lower figures may have been padded, for instance by failing to exclude former and even dead members.

This shows that a fifth of the constituencies surveyed had memberships of 100 or fewer,



"Having roamed the planet since the beginning of time the Tory Party, at the end of the 20th century, suddenly be-came extinct

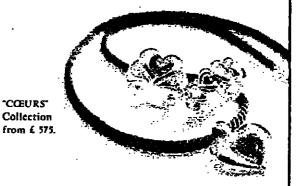
6 Peter Lilley's instincts are the soundest and the surest in this field ... he has our support 9 Leading article, page 23

often down to a couple of dozen or less. The Rhondda party was defunct for part of last year and was re-formed for the general election. Moreover. membership has even dropped sharply in the party's heartlands which it managed to retain in the election. In ten of the strongest associations, membership has dropped by two fifths over the past three years.

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Lots of space in the House for sitting and staring into

were wringing our hands in panic over the seating plan in the Com-mons Chamber. There was no room, we thought, for the huge new Labour Party. Surely they must overflow onto the Opposition benches?

The days pass, the Chamber grows hot and the debate more dull. And panie now looks premature. With each passing week those little patches of green on the Government side at lirst no bigger than a man's hand - spread. It is now rare to find the House

Prime Minister's Questions

on Wednesday still managed to fill the Chamber. But there were just four MPs in the "overflow" gallery upstairs. It was only the second PM's Questions of the Session.

And it is sad to watch the new Members. For the first days the benches to Madam Speaker's right were filled with eager little faces, eyes wide with wonder, faces shining with pride (even surprise) at their new position.

At first many (particularly the more conscientious women) actually took notes. By yesterday, the only notes were being taken by the Duty Whip, who presumably inputs



MATTHEW PARRIS POLITICAL SKETCH

cases of loyalty or insubordination into the party's "Excalibur" computer every evening. The rest stared into space, eyes beginning to glaze as House Leader Ann Taylor brought us exciting news of next week's business. "Motion on the Channel Tunnel Rail Link (Emergency Work and

Tunnelling) Order . . . And it was for this that the newcomers had moved heav-

Bottoms shifted; new suits, showing their first creases. were adjusted; padded shoulders sunk dejectedly.

More than a century ago the ereat Victorian constitutionalist, Walter Bagehot, wrote: We send to the House a Commons a body of men. And the question arises, What are they to do?" Save for the insertion of "and women" Bagehors inquiry, as painful as the day he wrote, could be today.

Barbara Follett (Lab) is

cheating. She appears these days dressed in a muted, brownish-beige, rather soft-cut. Mrs Follett is widely credited with the "Folletting" of New Labour Woman: blazing a trail of distinctive, sharpcut, shoulder-padded suits in Early Learning Centre primary colours. A whole generation of female activists came to believe that this was how you had to dress to be taken seriously in the Labour Party. They bought the look. But now Mrs Foliet has been taken - elected for seriously

like a thoroughly post-modern lady boss, so powerful that she no longer needs to dress powerfully, surrounded by women whose appearance trembles on a cusp between nursery school teacher and executive PA. Mrs Follett is the least Folletted woman in the

New Labour made a stark contrast, yesterday, with Old Labour, still in evidence among the Scots. A new Industry minister, lan McCartney, was previously famous for advocating the licencing of bouncers — and a spat with a bouncer, who

Mr McCartney has a pud-ding-basin haircut, no neck and a deadpan accent incom-prehensible to the English. Yesterday he made an incongruous sight between the silk ties and fruit-cocktail colours: beetle among butterflies.

But what are the butterflies to do? Martin Salter (Lab) the new MP for Reading W. leapt up during Questions to the Leader of the House to demand urgent action on reports that a frozen pop drink had contained alcohol by mistake. Mr Salter expressed Reading's "outrage" at the news. Bagehot would smile.

case convict sent home Drug smuggler Sandra Greg-ory spent her first night in a British jail last night after being transferred from Thai-

land to complete her 25-year The 32-year-old teacher was taken to Holloway prison where she will spend several weeks being assessed before being transferred to another

She was returned with three other Britons under a transfer scheme with Thailand. All had been jailed for smuggling heroin. Gregory, of Sowerby Bridge, West Yorkshire, was found carrying 89g of heroin concealed in a condom in her body preparing to board a plane from Bangkok to Tokyo n 1993. She was arrested with fellow Briton Robert Lock who was released last year after being cleared.

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Thai drugs

Boycott misses police meeting

Geoffrey Boycott, the Test commentator and former England cricketer, has failed to keep an appointment with the Antibes police on the French Riviera in connection with allegations that he assaulted a former woman friend. Margaret Moore, 44, claims he assaulted her at the Hotel du Cap in Antibes last October. Mr Boycott denies the allegations.

Wings and teeth on fossil chick

The fossil of a chick which lived 130 million years ago in the Spanish Pyrenees is throwing new light on the evolution of birds. The hatchling, which had teeth, had wings that were almost as sophisticated as a modern bird's, but its skull is more like that of a reptile, showing that birds had learnt to fly well before they lost their reptilian character.

Segers accused of cash lies

Hans Segers. a former Wimbledon goalkeeper who is one of the accused in the football match-fixing retrial, twice told lies about a large amount of cash he received, a jury was told vesterday. Mr Segers, Bruce Grobbelaar and John Fashanu, with Malaysian businessman Heng Suan Lim, are facing a second trial in which they deny allegations of match-fixing.

Retraining after cancer deaths

Two consultant radiologists. John Brennan, from the Royal Devon and Exeter hospital. and Graham Urquhart, from Torbay hospital, will undergo further training after concerns over the interpretation at East Devon breast screening service in Exeter of tiny calcium deposits which showed up in breast screening films of nine women, two of whom died,

Micra named

Blair to prescribe new Labour cure for European Left

FROM JILL SHERMAN. CHIEF POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT, IN MALMO

a stark warning to the European Left to "modernise or die", saying parties that unless policies are reformed as New Labour did in Britain they would destroy themselves and

Europe.
The Prime Minister will tell European socialist leaders, including Lionel Jospin, the new French Prime Minister, that they must accept some of the free-market policies of the Right and reject much of their old socialist dogma to survive.

In what will be seen as an audacious attempt by Mr Blair to seize the centre stage in Europe and put his mark on its future, he will call on socialist parties to reject labour market regulations, high social security costs and high taxes in favour of greater flexibility, higher skills and welfare reform.

The centre-left parties now have a majority in Europe, giving us a great opportunity. But we will quickly be rejected if we go back to our old ways. We must modernise or die," he will tell the Socialist Leaders' Congress in Malmo. Sweden, this morning.
In an implicit warning to M

Jospin, who has already indicated that he will press for more social regulation, including a shorter working week. Mr Blair will tell the Left that it will be ousted by far-right groups if it persists in its outdated agenda.

He will argue that Europe, now dominated by the Left, risks losing everything by pursuing a dream or vision but failing to take the practical, pragmatic approach to

achieving it. He will say that Europe is now in danger of experiencing the same problems as the Conservative Party has had in Britain, of being out of touch and not address-

ing people's concerns. There is a choice to face in Europe: stay as we are and we fail: change and embrace the future and we succeed. Don't let us be another type of Conservative Party. We must hold our values dear and then revolutionise the methods of implementing them.

Last night Mr Blair delivered the same message in bilateral meetings with Wim Kok, his Dutch counterpart. and M Jospin as he set out his demands for the intergovern-mental conference (IGC) in Amsterdam this month. Mr Blair is still pressing for

changes to the employment chapter to reinforce the need for flexible labour markets and a cap on regulations. He is also concerned about new proposals from Padraig Flynn, the EU Social Affairs



Kok: meeting with Blair on European agenda

Commissioner, about works councils for firms with 50 employees or more. Mr Blair will also tell Mr

Kok and M Jospin about his concerns regarding immigration and border controls, due to be discussed at the IGC. Downing Street sources denied reports that leaders had already settled their differences about justice and home affairs issues, and said that Britain was still urgently pressing for legal protection for its frontiers.

Over the next week, Mr Blair hopes to meet all the European leaders separately to spell out his main demands. of which job creation and welfare reform are priorities. Today he will insist that

socialist parties need to be more ready to accept policies adopted by the Right. "They got a lot wrong but they were right about the need for flexible labour markets. What they got wrong was the failure to equip their parties with the skills to cope with change and their refusal to see the need for minimum standards.

We need minimum standards but not in ways that are oppressive to business and destroy jobs. We need industrial policy but not if it is a code to resist change."

The Prime Minister insisted that to create jobs one must be competitive and to be competirequired knowledge. skills, technology and enterprise, rather than unnecessary old-style regulation and institutions.

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Work problems unite odd couple

STUBBORNLY high unemployment Germany to be announced today will overshadow a summit in Bonn between Chancellor Helmut Kohl and Tony Blair as Britain and Germany try to work out a common approach to a proposed employment chapter in the revised Maastricht

German businessmen warned the Chancellor yesterday against signing a "superfluous and counter-productive" employment chapter at the Amsterdam summit later this month. The Federation of German Industry — echoing the views of other business lobbyists — declared that "an employment chapter will not create a single extra job".

The Chancellor, facing unemployment of around 4.25 million, nonetheless needs to demonstrate some dynamism on the subject if he is to win back Germans to the European cause. An opinion poll conducted by the Forsa Institute showed unusually strong resistance to the Chancellor's European strategy: 71 per cent of Germans now believe that Germany should not stick to the 1999 start-up date

Roger Boyes reports on a strange alliance born in a climate of shifting European priorities

for the Euro. Mr Blair - who is advocating more labour-market flexibility, increased competition and bureaucratic cuts rather than ambitious interventionist job creation programmes thus finds a ready and eager ally in Bonn. Low-cost job stimulation -- preferably in the form of pilot projects - and stronger co-ordination of national policies is the only kind of Amsterdam formula acceptable to Chancellor Kohl. and it seems that Mr Blair agrees.

By contrast, the opposition Social Democrats, who should be ideological closer to the Labour Government, want a far more ambitious European programme for jobs. The Social Democratnominated European Commissioner. Monika Wulf-Mathies, said Germany employment chapter. "We've got the wind in our sails now. Not only will we get an employment chapter in Amsterdam worth the name but leaders will also pass through some 80 employment pacts that we want to finance with the structural fund.7 she said. The Social Democrats are making

much of the disappointing May unemployment figures which were leaked yesterday. They show that unadjusted unemployment declined by around 90,000 - much less than normal for a period in which strong economic activity traditionally boosts the jobs market.

The theme of German isolation is now coming to dominate domestic public discussion and analysts point to the ironies occurring in the Anglo-German relationship since Mr Blair took over power. Britain, pitted against Europe for so long, gives the elusion of being in the mainstream. Germany, which has one of only two remaining conservative governments in Europe, has been beached by the changing electoral tide.

Prescott sets his sights on Railtrack profits

By ARTHUR LEATHLEY TRANSPORT CORRESPONDENT

RAILTRACK last night faced the threat of a twin squeeze on its £1 million-a-day profits after being heavily criticised for underinvesting in services.

The company disclosed a 27 per cent rise in pre-tax profits to 5346 million, increasing the prospect that tougher sanctions, including fines and a windfall tax, could be imposed.

The first full-year profits announced since privatisation of the track and signal netchanges between Railtrack and the rail regulator, who hinted that the company's existing licence will be amended unless the company improves its investment. John

Prescott, the Deputy Prime est in that matter." Railtrack Minister, led demands for Railtrack to channel more of its profits into improvements. complaining that taxpayers deserved a better deal. Referring to the announcement of increased profits, he said: "I've made clear I don't think that's a good deal for the taxpayer. I'm looking at how I can improve the taxpayer's inter-

has angered the rail regulator by declaring large profits after being given an extra £270 million over six years to help it in setting charges for the train operators, who pay the com-pany for use of the track.

Senior Labour figures said that Mr Prescott was determined that such profits should not be repeated and that he

Commuters face strike

RAIL services on busy commuter routes could be affected by industrial action next week after train drivers voted to ban overtime. Members of Aslef on Connex South Central voted in a ballot by 04.4 per cent to take action after failure to reach a deal over hours and

working practices. The ban on overtime and rest day working will start at 0001 next Friday. threatening cancellations on Conney South Central, which runs trains into London's Victoria and London Bridge from Sussex, Kent and Surrey, including the Brighton line.

would insist on tougher regu-lation to ensure higher funding to improve services. John Swift, the rail regula-

tor, also questioned whether shareholders were getting "disproportionate benefits". Mr Swift, who has been ordered by Mr Prescott to take tougher action against Railfrack, also went further than before in suggesting that the company's existing contract could be altered. The regulator made clear that fines remained a sanction open to him if Railtrack failed to catch

up investment. Announcing an immediate review of Railtrack's performance. Mr Swift said: There is no commercial contract that should survive unless it meets a public interest test. I am concerned that the improve-

mance may be costing funders of railway services too much, There is still a very long way to go for Railtrack to deliver on its investment obligations and thus secure the longer term health of the network."

the level of additional funding that Railtrack had been offered under the last Government now needed to be reexamined urgently. He said that the review of

Mr Swift made clear that

the funding scheme, that had been due to begin later this year, would instead begin immediately. "I think it is timely for me to bring forward an investigation into how this performance regime is

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Designer to aid of millennium show

By DOMINIC KENNEDY

THE designer Stephen Bayley has been picked to help rescue the troubled Millennium Exhibition in Greenwich, whose future hangs in the balance while Chris Smith, the National Heritage Secretary, completes an urgent review.

Mr Bayley, founding director of the Design Museum in London, has begun work as creative director of Millennium Central, the government-owned body which is running the proposed show. Design contracts worth £30 million for the exhibition are being advertised in the Official Journal of the European Commu-

nities, under rules which insist

that all big public works are open to tender abroad. Imagination, the London creative group which came up

with the original blueprint for the year-long show, is still in daily contact with Millennium Central but its official role has yet to be confirmed. Mr Bayley, 45, has worked

with Sir Terence Conran and helped set up the design centre at the Victoria and Albert Museum.

He said: "Ever since I first read about the Great Exhibition of 1851. Eve been enthralled by the way successful exhibitions can change an entire nation's point of view,"

best supermini

The Nissan Micra, designed in Japan but built in Washington. Tyne and Wear, was judged the best supermini alongside the Volkswagen Polo by Which? the magazine of the Consumers' Association. The Volkswagen Golf was named the best small family car while the Ford Mondeo and Peugeot 406 headed the list of best large

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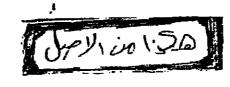
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Aitken tells of shock over prostitutes allegation

By MICHAEL HORSNELL

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Former Tory minister was asked by 12-year-old son: 'What's a pimp, Daddy?'

JONATHAN AITKEN, the former Conservative cubinet minister, told yesterday of his horror at being asked by his 12-year-old son William,
"What is a pimp, daddy?" The
question followed Mr Altken's
receipt by fax of the first edition from page of The Guardian of April 10, 1905, accusing him of supplying prostitutes 10 Arab

Mr Aitken was with his family on a skiing holiday in Switzerland and asked for the

ment press officer had alerted him by telephone of a "strong rumour The Guardian had a big story about my business interests" which they were to publish next day.

The then Chief Secretary to the Treasury, who resigned the following July to fight the "scandalous allegations" told the High Court that he was pole-axed" and in pain after reading the article headlined Aitken Tried To Arrange Girls for Saudi Friends. On the second day of his libel action against the newspaper and Granada Television. he said from the witness box: "It was almost the equivalent of having a heart attack in terms of the shock and pain I felt on reading it. I was so astonished to read on the front page of a serious newspaper an allegation of this seriousness that I knew in my heart to be untrue and I left such pain because it

was a sordid story. "I remember burying my

head in my hands and saying to nobody in particular The Guardian have said that I am a pimp'. I remember my small son said in a polite inquiry, "What is a pimp, daddy?"

He added: "I felt that The Guardian had moved from the vendetta they had been running for some time against me to all out war because these allegations were so serious and devastating."

Mr Aitken, 54, said he was also horrified to read that he ly" engaged in clandestine meetings at his home in Lord North Street, Westminster with arms dealers whilst a minister of the Crown. He told Mr Justice Popplewell he had, in fact, scrupulously observed the document for newly-appointed ministers, Questions of Procedures for Ministers (QPM) since becoming defensive procurement minister in

minister of the Crown," he said. "I believe I observed and

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kept it scrupulously."

He went on to describe his early morning return on April 10 1995 to London where he condemned The Guardian article as "an outrageous falsehood". Mr Aitken said: "I had a sleepless night once I had read the story and said to myself in the long dark night 1992. "The QPM makes it of the soul that I have got to clear all private business must stand up and fight. I have to

On the night of April 10 Granada TV, in its World in Action programme "Jonathan of Arabia" reported similar allegations to those in The Guardian, with which it had

been collaborating.

Mr Aitken said: "I watched the programme. My worst fears were confirmed. Clearly this was a hatchet job. This was character assassination TV, not current affairs TV. There was no attempt at

balance or objectivity. It was Destroy Aitken Time. " He said that whereas The Guard ian had made no contact with him for his reaction prior to publication of the allegations. David Leigh, a producer at Granada, had wrinen giving him five working days in advance to respond.

Mr Aitken is suing both media organisations which claimed that his business career and fortune depended on his connection with the Saudi Arabian royal family The defendants deny libel and will plead justification in their defence. The trial continues.

Pensioner died 'fighting off man who tried to steal his car'

BY PAUL WILKINSON

A PENSIONER collapsed and died as he fought to stop a thief stealing his Lada car after getting lost in the back streets of Leeds, a court was told

Stevan Popovic, 74, was kicked repeatedly and dragged along the road with his wrist trapped in the driver's window as his young assailant tried to drive off with his nine-year-old vehicle. He was eventually thrown clear and collapsed motionless in the road, a jury at Leeds Crown Court was told.

Three hours later, Mr Popovic, who had a heart condition, died in hospital. A post-mortem examination showed he had narrowed arteries. He had suffered eight fractures to his ribs and severe bruising, probably caused by

the kicking. Martin Bethel, QC, for the prosecution, said he could have suffered heart failure at any time and his death could have been "entirely coincidental". The struggle might not have been the only reason for his death, but "the Crown says it was the immediate and significant cause".

Clive Jones denies murder-

Popovic: was set upon after losing his way

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ing Mr Popovic in the Chapeltown district of Leeds on Easter Saturday last year. Jones. 26, from Leeds, also denies two alternative charges of causing grievous bodily harm with intent and assault with intent to rob.

Mr Bethel said that Mr Popovic, who had left his native Yugoslavia to live in England after the Second World War, had driven to Leeds from his home in Oldham, Greater Manchester, to pick up a friend. They planned to go to a church in Leicester. but in Leeds he lost his way. He pulled into an alleyway to turn round and people in flats nearby heard shouting and a car horn blowing.

They saw an elderly man in the car struggling with a younger person who was shouting, "Give me your money or I will kill you." The attacker had a distictive "pineapple" haircut. Mr Popovic, a retired bus driver, was dragged from the driving seat and kicked with a series of "heavy and vicious blows". His assailant then got in the car and began to drive off. Mr Popovic had his arm inside and was pulled along.

The car was discovered abandoned several streets away shortly afterwards. A blue and white baseball bat which Jones later admitted was his was inside and his fingerprint was on a window.

Jones was arrested three days later. He claimed he had come across the abandoned car and looked to see if he could steal the stereo. But Mr Bethel said: "Why

drop the cap? It is much more consistent wth somebody fashion design talent. abandoning the car to get away from the scene as quickly as possible." The trial continues.



Student fashions a top design career in Paris

BY HEATH BROWN **FASHION EDITOR**

ANOTHER young British design student is being tipped to become one of the top names in fashion after working with Karl Lagerfeld. Sean McGowan, 26, was hailed as the next Alexander McQueen when he staged his first public show yesterday at the Royal College of Art, which annually features the cream of Britain's young

His skills were spotted last year by the fashion designer Lagerfeld, who invited him to work alongside him in his Paris studio after he won a design competition. Eric Wright, Lagerfeld's personal assistant, explained how the the show was theatrical." McGowan designer was impressed by McGowan: "It is his energy, his being — he is very unpretentious, his

proportions are very put together and he is a perfectionist in his work." Clothes in yesterday's college gala ranged from brightly coloured clubwear to ornate evening dresses in collections brimming with optimism. McGowan's tailored dresses and suits, with elaborate headgear, in dazzling black and white fabrics, stole the show and have earned him a place as a freelance designer on the Lagerfeld label as well as Chanel. "Each outfit was very individual and I was aware

"I just wanted to have a bit of fun. I freak out when people call me the next Alexander McQueen. The collection was over the top and elaborate in black, red and white.

"It is my dream to work for myself, although it would be wonderful to be involved with Lagerfeld." He will return to Paris later this month to work for Lagerfeld and has "had other

McGowan graduated in 1992 from St Martin's College of Art and worked in Milan and New York as a print

the footsteps of British designers McQueen and John Galliano. both of whom are among British-born fashion gurus who have made their mark on the international scene.

designer. He looks likely to follow in

Kenzo, Cerruti. Versace, Nicole Farhi and Donna Karan representatives were among a large number of buyers at the show interested in spotting British talent.A spokesman for the show said: "The scene is getting better and better, especially over the

last five years. "Students are being interviewed for jobs right after the shows. Fashion is

serious business."

Briton's drugs case hearing switched

FROM MARK FULLER IN THE HAGUE

THE Dutch authorities moved a trial of a Briton charged with running a £100 million racket to flood the United Kingdom with heroin, cocaine. Ecstasy and hashish, to a secret location in The Hague yesterday after they feured an attempt to free the millionaire Liverpudlian.

In an unusual move for The Netherlands, Curtis Warren, together with two other Britons alleged to be members of the drugs ring, were taken to a makeshift court in a well secured building, while the press followed proceedings via a satellite link. Lawyers were only informed late vesterday of the switch.

A court spokesman said that the authorities had deemed there was a security risk in transporting the defendants along a route that is known

Mr Warren, 34. is charged with leading a gang that imported 317kg of cocaine from Venezuela into Rotterdam last year. Most of the drugs were said to be destined

for Britain. Han Jahae, counsel for Mr Warren, told the court that British police were used "to doing what they want and operating in a culture of secrecy". Evidence from telephone taps by Dutch and British police detailed the extensive negotiations between Mr Warren and a co-defendant, Stephen Mee. 38. alias

Tony Farrel, of Manchester. Mr Warren told the court: "It's just a farce. I'm aiready found guilty, although it hasn't been said. I am being denied the original facts."

The third defendant is Stephen Whitehead, 34, of Oldham, Greater Manchester. The court will deliver its verdicts in two weeks.

Policeman unconscious after panda is stolen

By STEWART TENDLER

A POLICEMAN was unconscious in an intensive care unit last night after being carried along on the bonnet of his own patrol car when two men

PC Gurdial Sidhu, 36, was in St Mary's Hospital, Paddington, west London, in a serious but stable condition as Scotland Yard launched an inquiry and tried to contact his wife in a remote part of India. The constable, who has two children from his first marriage, recently married again in India.

Yesterday, detectives were trying to piece together how the officer was attacked on a street in Notting Hill while he was out on patrol. The case is being treated as attempted murder. PC Sidhu was found unconscious with a suspected fractured skull by officers manning a police van he had

called to the scene. Police believe he was attacked after he stopped two men in a B-registration Austin Maestro van. He began questioning the driver about the van and documentation and made a number of checks on his radio to the Police National Computer. He called for the van, which normally means a policeman is about to make an

The men then attacked the constable and ran to his Metro panda. A witness, who watched the incident from the window of his home, said the policeman was driven 50 yards on the bonnet of his own car before being thrown into

Deported Triad gang may face execution

By OUR CRIME

TRIAD gangsters who kid-napped a Chinese chef and held him captive shackled to a radiator were each sentenced to 15 years' imprisonment yesterday at Southwark Crown Court. Judge Elfer, QC, who said he had been asked not to send the men back to China, where they could face execution, ordered

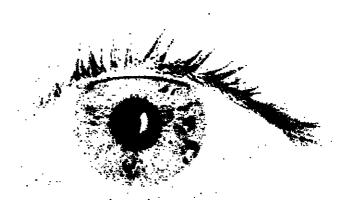
that they should be deported. The five men held Xiao Ming Cao, 25, for two weeks after seizing him off the street. He was forced to ring his wife at home in a remote corner of China to raise the ransom. Unknown to his captors he managed to pass on information using a rare dialect they did not understand and a joint operation between Scotland Yard and Chinese police re-

leased him. Yesterday police said that the gang had seized the wrong man but decided to go ahead anyway. Scotland Yard believes the gang had carried out a number of other successful kidnaps targeting other illegal immigrants.

Police said Mr Cao's family

could not have paid the ransom, which began at £40,000. Jian Chen, 25, You Chen, 22, Um Y Tang, 36, and Li Feng, 19, all of Holloway, north London, and Liang Fan, 27, of Soho, central London, had all denied conspiracy to kidnap, conspiracy to falsely imprison, and conspiracy to blackmail.

Cao was routinely beaten as he talked to his wife to make sure she found the cash. He was starved and made to bark like a dog.



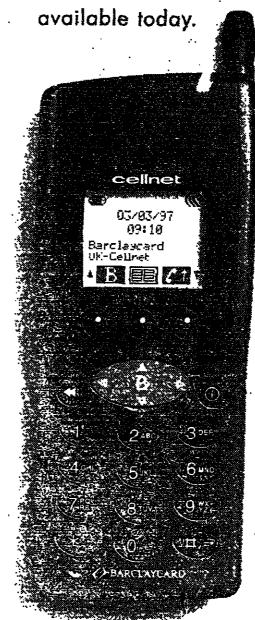
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Social services criticised for insufficient warning to family, Ian Murray and Daniel McGrory report

Mental patient killed mother and two girls after release

TWO small girls and their mother died needlessly when a former mental patient who was supposed to be looking after them set fire to their home, an independent inquiry has decided.

MES FRIDAVILLA

Only after he realised his fantasy to kill did police find that Darren Carr was a suspected violent psycopath who had been released into the community without supervision. The inquiry panel was dismayed and critical at the attempts made by social services to alert the single mother to the danger Carr posed.

The inquiry was set up in May last year after Carr was jailed for life for the manslaughter of Susan Hearmon. 25, and her daughters Kylie Marie Roberts, 6, and Julie Anne Lowell, 4. They suffocated in June 1995 after Carr set fire to a carpet of their home in Abingdon, Oxfordshire.

Professor Generva Richardson, chairman of the panel, said: "He was a potentially

the caring agencies. Despite the vunerability of the family it was decided there were no Within a month the family was dead."

She accused Oxfordshire social services of showing "insuf-ficient rigour" in its efforts to truce Carr after he moved into Mrs Hearmon's home to look after her daughters. Social workers had been given the wrong house number and shelved efforts to trace him.

She said that when Carr asked doctors to admit him to a mental hospital in January 1995 she could be certain that a lack of beds influenced their decision to leave him in the community. Carr was "a potentially dangerous young man but who posed a diagnostic dilemma to the caring agencies; he could present himself very fluently and very coherently'

Although he needed treatment, no suitable beds could



Carr: sentenced to

life for manslaughter Bracknell, Berkshire. He had tried to kill his mother and threw a girl down a flight of stairs but police never charged him, so he had no record. Social workers lost touch with him because he gave no forwarding address when he left a special hostel.

The inquiry felt however that the existing regulations for controlling the mentally ill were also to blame. "There are of the mental health services to treat people with psychopathic disorders in the community," the panel reported.

Ônce in the community Mr Carr was offered a generous programme of aftercare but he chose quickly to distance himself from tt. He was free to make that choice because the law as it was in 1994-05 imposed no relevant controls

Carr had lived at Mrs Hearman's home for six months after answering an advertisment in a shop window for someone to babysit in return for cheap rent. An epileptic and a loner. Carr was first arrested by Thames Valley Police in May 1993 when his mother called her after he tried to smash her head with a hammer.

He attacked her after she read his secret diary and asked what he meant by references to "the Keeper" and why he intended to get "rid of all the trash in the world".

chiatric ward in the local hospital and heavily sedated after he told a nurse that he could hear the voice of a man inside his head and he felt the urge to hurt someone and "put them into a coffin". Compulsorily detained under the Mental Health Act, he was sent to a private clinic in north Wales because there were no local

He was sent back to Bracknell in June, 1993, when Diane Cater, the community mental health team manager. realised he needed 24-hour supervision which was not available. She gave him cash and he went back to his mother, who let him in but barricaded herself in her A hed was found at the

beds available

secure unit at Fairmile Hospital, which serves patients from Oxfordshire and Berkshire. In January 1994 he was released to the Knowl, a specialist hostel in Abingdon. That November when the compul-



Julie Anne, left, and Kylie died when Carr started a fire in their home

sory order under the Mental Health Act lapsed he moved into his own flat.

In January 1995 he saw Mrs Heamon's advertisement and decided to apply for it. Her third marriage had just broken up and she agreed to take

"This case is horrific and demonstrates once again that the community care crisis is a dangerous and unpredict-

deepening," said Jayne Zito. who founded a trust after her husband was killed by a schizophrenic who had been released into the community. children.

Marjorie Walllace, chief executive of the mental health charity Sane, said: "It beggars belief that a community care patient like Darren Carr, who in the view of the inquiry was able young man, should have been allowed to seek emplouyment as a residential babysitter to two young

"Even more assounding is the justification for inaction offered by the social services who say his civil liberties allowed him to distance himself from their generous pro-

Parents blame social services for tragedy

Susan Hearmon last night described the guilt and regret they will carry for the rest of their lives that they did not try to take their grandchildren into their care before their daughter employed Darren

Jean Foulsham said: "We tried to protect those children, who in their short lives were

Two years before she employed Carr to take care of Kylie and Julie-Anne, Susan Hearmon had refused to allow her parents to see her daughters after a row. Mrs Foulsham, 49, blames Oxford-

'We were trying to help mother, but her social worker told her what we said and



Susan Hearmon: had a violent personality

sat in silence yesterday as the official inquiry suggested no individuals could be blamed. How many children have to die before someone loses their job?" Mrs Foulsham said.

She described how her daughter suffered from a () violent personality disorder. "She was a difficult girl and it got worse after she gave birth

Susan had left school at 16 and a year later left home to live with Robert Roberts. A year after her daughter was born Mr Roberts died in a swimming accident. Six months later she married Robert Lowell in December 1990 and the couple had a

March 1991, but they separated three months later. Her father, John Foulsham,

53. an electrical contractor, said: "At that time we had the two girls a lot because Susan could not cope, but she was panic stricken about them being taken away." A neighbour had alerted

social services in 1992 and the two girls were put on the "at risk" register. The woman, who did not wish to be named, described the squalid condition of the family's terraced home in Preston Street and told how when the girls would forage through dustbins for scraps of food.

"They were always thin and ale and very quiet, but one day I found them picking chips out of our waste bin. When I said I would speak to their mother they begged me not to. I did not know how to protect them, or what to do." In September 1994, their daughter married Michael Hearmon, but the coup

le soon separated.

Darren Carr answered Mrs Hearmon's advertisement for a live-in childminder in March 1995, Pamela Lennox, a neighbour, said Carr was a regular fixture at Thamesside School most afternoons to meet the girls. "But then one day Kylie told me she was afraid of Carr but would not say why." Mrs Lennox alerted teachers at the school.

The girls had been taken off the "at risk" register in 1994. but once again officers from that social work team were called in. When Carr next collected the girls from school he was questioned by child protection officers but they

On June 9, 1995, they again closed the file on the Hearmon girls. Seventeen days later Carr poured petrol in the hall of Preston Road and a massive explosion tore through the property.

Mrs Foulsbam said: "We never had a chance to say goodbye to our grandchildren and we are haunted by the thought of what we should have done to save them."



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Bus driver guilty of knife attack

By STEWART TENDLER, CRIME CORRESPONDENT

AN ATTACKER wielding a knife who lost a battle with a woman banker on the doorstep of her Kensington home in London was convicted at the Old Bailey

Adrian Rajaratnam, 25. a bus driver with a history of mental illness, was remanded by Judge Gerber for reports before being sentenced.

Rajaratnam, who is from Welling, south London, is said to have a depressive illness. He was convicted of false imprisonment but cleared of possessing an offensive weapon after search failed to find a knife in the area of the attack. During the trial Miss Callenbach, 28, a trader

with JP Morgan, described

how he grabbed her around the throat after following her from an Underground station last September. As she walked down the steps to her home, Rajaratnam suddenly rushed after her and barged through the door as she opened it.

Miss Callenbach told the court that he grabbed her, put his hand over her mouth and pulled her backwards. He had a knife in his other hand.

Rajaratnam told Miss Callenbach not to scream but she sized him up and realised he was not much bigger than she was. She told the jury: "My immediate reaction was to fight

She pushed her attacker through the open door and into the street. He ran away but was chased and arrested by an off-duty

Experts dismiss confessions from death-case nurses

been named, but are said by

the nurses' lawyers to be a

professor of forensic medicine.

a professor of psychology and

trist. As well as the confes-

sions, the expert have seen

copies of the post mortem report on Miss Gilford. They

are all prepared to travel to

The nurses' families, with

their British legal advisers, Peter Watson and Rodger

Pannone, said yesterday the women had been "lifted" by

McLauchlan, father of Lucille,

said: "We feel that this is a

major breakthrough and we

hope they [the Saudi judges] will take it on board. In our

opinion it destroys the confes-

Mr Pannone said that since

the start of the trial the

confessions had been the only

nurses' guilt. "We have seen

no other evidence, therefore if

the confession evidence fails.

we would hope they would be released. This is a matter the

judge is going to rule on either on the 16th or shortly after." Mr Watson said the British

egal team and the experts had

been "surprised" by the lack of

forensic evidence, given the nature of the murder. Miss

Gilford was stabbed 13 times,

beaten and then suffocated.

sions that were made."

in person if necessary.

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LAWYERS representing the two British nurses charged with murder in Saudi Arabia yesterday produced "dramatic new evidence" which they claim will destroy the case against the pair and could to the Saudi legal team and

Three United Kingdom medical experts have studied photocopies of the confessions extracted from Lucille McLauchlan and Deborah Parry, on which their British lawyers say the whole case against them is based, and have ruled that the documents are "totally unreliable and totally unsafe".

The examination of the documents and the discrepancies. in an internationally-recognised "content analysis", appears to back up the nurses' ed to threats of physical and sexual assault by Saudi police. The experts claim that the confession evidence was "coerced and compliant" and bears all the hallmarks of being untrue. Their reports have been sent

copies will be made available to the judges when the trial. resumes on June 15. McLauchlan. 31, from Dundee, and Parry, 38, from Hampshire, could face the death penalty if found guilty of the murder of fellow nurse Yvonne Gilford, at the King Fahd Military Medical Complex in Dhahran where they all worked. They have repeatedly denied the charge. If convicted they could

The three experts have not



Ann and Stan McLauchlan: "It's a breakthrough"

Small Faces star dies at 51 after long illness

BY EMMA WILKINS

RONNIE LANE, guitarist and songwriter with the 1960s supergroups the Small Faces and the Faces, has died aged 51 after a long battle against multiple sclerosis.

Ronnie Wood, of the Rolling Stones, who shot to fame in the Faces with Rod Stew-art, said: "He's in a better place with old mates like Steve Marriott and Ian Stewart, and no doubt they are busy organising themselves into a fantastic band."

Marriott was Lane's so writing partner in the Small Faces. He died in a fire at his Essex home six years ago. Long-time Rolling Stones piano player Stewart, who also collaborated with Lane, died in 1985.

Other tributes came from friends including Sir Jimmy Savile and Francis Rossi. lead singer with Status Quo. who both paid tribute to Lane's bravery.
The great affection

which Lane was held by his colleagues in rock music was illustrated when a host of stars appeared in a concert he helped to organise at the Royal Albert Hall in 1983 in aid of Action Research for Multiple Sclerosis. Eric Clapton, Jeff Beck, Bill Wyman, Charlie Watts and Jimmy Page all appeared, and to a great cheer Lane

played a few chords.



Lane before the 1983 Albert Hall concert with some of the rock stars who appeared

Wrong number saves pensioner

A WOMAN'S intuition helped to save the life of a pensioner who dialled her telephone number in mistake for a friend's after collapsing at

Karen Christian, 24, from Southampton, was enjoying a quiet evening at home when her telephone rang. The caller sounded upset but hung up when she realised she had a vrone number.

Despite hearing the wordan mumble that showas all right. Ms Christian rang the police and ambulance service. When they did not seem interested. she used BT's recall service dialling 1471 - to find the woman's number. She got through to Vera Middleton. 88. who had collapsed with stomach pains and had tried to ring a friend for help but was in so much pain that she

had misdialled. Ms Christian coaxed the address from Mrs Middleton, found a map and jumped into her car. She reached the house in five minutes. The front door was unlocked and Mrs Middleton was slumped in her chair.

She was taken to South ampton General Hospital, where surgeons carried out emergency surgery on a perio-

rated ulcer. Mrs Middleton's daughter, Janet Browning, said: "There is no doubt that Karen's actions saved my Mum. The doctor told me if Mum had not got to hospital that highi and into the operating theatre for a perforated ulcer she would not

be with us now." Mrs Middleton is making a good recovery and has been visited by her rescuer in

hospital. Ms Christian said that, when the telephone rang, she "agonised for about five minutes, but something - call it a woman's intuition if you like — told me that something was wrong. I just trusted my feelings and acted Problem family to move into the Street

CORONATION STREET, the model of northern life, is to introduce its first out-and-out move to halt sliding ratings.

mother and father who have done time in jail and children lifting and playing truant. They will have a clapped-out car and ghetto-blasters, and Mr Battersby will attempt to sell stolen goods to other

Although the storyline is likely to anger traditional fans soap opera, producers believe it is essential to propel the programme into the 1990s and compete with its streetwise rival, EastEnders.

Brian Park, the producer of Coronation Street and nickbecause he has written out so many longstanding characters, said: The Battersbys are an exciting injection of fresh blood into the Street." He said they followed in the tradition of earlier characters, balancing the mix of comedy and drama for which Coronation

Street is justly renowned".

The new family, who will be seem on screen next month, will move into Don Brennan's old house. They have been rehoused by the council, who have bought No 5 after Brenceriew after

display

Battersby, played by Bruce Jones, spent six months in prison for handling stolen property. He has also done six months' community service for burgiary and was bound over to keep the peace and fined £100 for threatening and 13 abusive behaviour.

His wife, Janice, played by Vicky Entwhistle, is described as a "loudmouthed machinist" at Mike Baldwin's factory. She has been in prison for fraud. fined for shoplifting and given six months' community ser-

vice for causing an affray.

Leanne, Mr Battersby's daughter from his first marriagen has a penchant for alcopops and cigarettes and has been charged with threat. ening behaviour.

make clear that he did not say that famine relief for Ireland during the 1840s (report, June 2) amounted to £50 million. The figure given was closer to £10 million, and covered the period of the administrations of both Sir Robert Peel and

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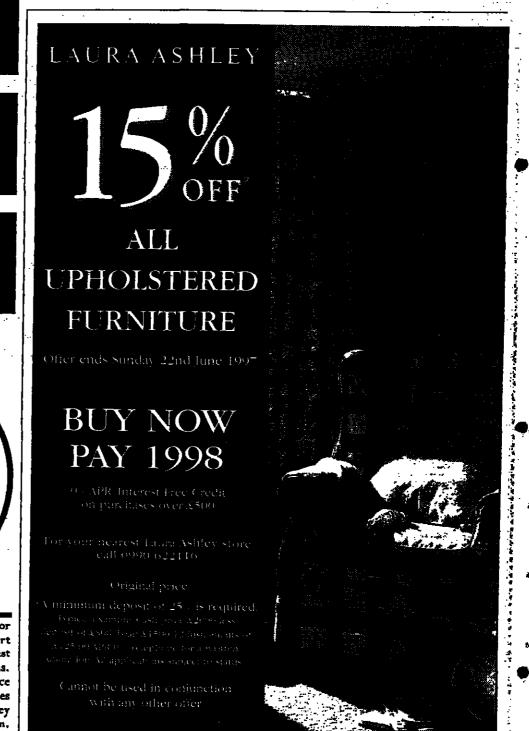
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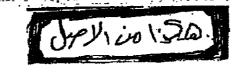
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Straw plans curbs on 'advisers' who dupe immigrants

By RICHARD FORD, HOME CORRESPONDENT

THE Government is to curb "advisers" who prey on ethnic minorities by offering expen-Ave and unnecessary advice on immigration and asylum. Jack Straw, the Home Secretary, is planning to regulate the hundreds of consultants after complaints from MPs whose constituents have paid large sums for help in dealing with immigration officials.

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Mr Straw made the pledge yesterday as he announced the ending of the controversial 'primary purpose" immigration rule. The rule allowed immigration officers to refuse entry to citizens from outside the European Union who wanted to marry a British citizen if they thought that the main purpose of the marriage was to settle in Britain.

The move against "advis-ss" comes after it was disclosed that some were charging high fees simply to take application documents to offices in Croydon, south London. Others posed as experts but gave worthless adrice or set up offices to take on

Mr Straw said: "There is a problem with unqualified immigration advisers. They take large sums of money off people to pursue bogus and frankly completely unmeritorious claims. These advisers, so called, are making a killing out of this, persuading people to pursue bogus applications."

Mr Straw is to publish a consultation document later in the year and is studying ways to regulate the industry, which could involve a system of licensed practitioners who would have to meet minimum standards or a register of a number of immigration advice bureaux — suggested in

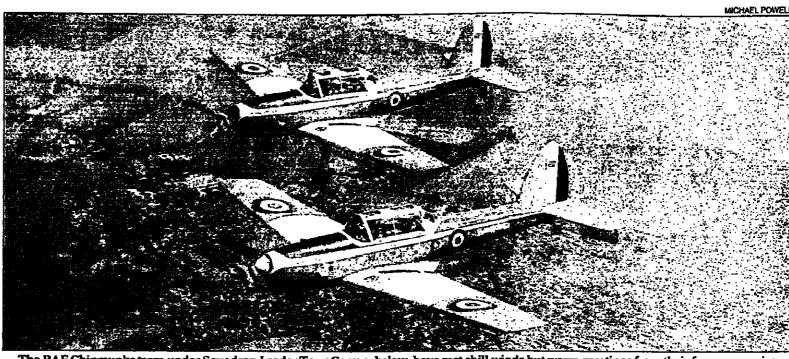
1993 but never implemented. Claude Moraes, of the Joint Council for the Welfare of immigrants. welcomed Mr Straw's pledge. "A huge number of vulnerable people

end up being given wrong or unnecessary advice for huge amounts of money, sometimes running into hundreds and hundreds of pounds," he said.

The abolition of the primary purpose rule could allow about 1,000 people refused entry because of it last year, and who are currently appealing against the decision, to enter the United Kingdom.

People seeking to enter the country will still have to show that the marriage is genuine and they intend to live permanently as man and wife: both parties to the marriage must have met and they must show that they can maintain any dependents without seeking public funds. Officials will be able to make spot checks at their home for a year.

Mr Straw disappointed immigrant welfare groups by leaving the burden of proof on applicants for entry to show that they could meet the



The RAF Chipmunks team under Squadron Leader Tony Cowan, below, have met chill winds but warm greetings from their former enemies

Russian welcome for Chipmunk pioneers

TWO RAF Chipmunks flying around the world are now more than halfway across Russia and have been battling against strong Siberian winds on their pioneering trip (Michael Evans writes).

Squadron Leader Tony Cowan, leading the team of three pilots, telephoned The Times from Siberia after a 500-mile flight east from Omsk to Kemerovo, before departing for Krasnoyarsk, where the Russians used to have an early warning ballistic missile station. HowLeader Cowan and his team have been warmly welcomed by the Russian authorities every time they have landed for fuel and food.

Squadron Leader Cowan, 51, said: "At one of the airports the wind was so strong we were unable to land on the runway so the Russians arranged for us to land on a grass strip." The RAF team — Squadron Leaders Cowan. Cedric Hughes. 63, and Bill Purchase, 60 - has a Russian

ever, with the Cold War over, Squadron navigator, Major Yuri Vostroknutov, 39. The piston-engined Chipmunks are the first foreign air force craft to fly across Russia since the fall of the Berlin Wall.

The trip, named Exercise Northern Venture, began on May 20 and is expected to take six weeks, with a total flying time of about 156 hours. Last night the Chipmunks arrived at Bratsk to put them more than a quarter of the way around the world, and are expected to reach Alaska within a week.



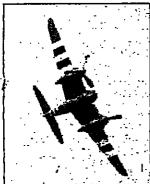
Safety review after six air-display crashes in a year

By Harvey Elliott, air correspondent

SAFETY at air shows is to be and threw the Mosquito into a tightened after six crashes in the past year. The Civil a detailed review of safety.

One of the crashes, last July, killed the pilot and navigator of the last airworthy Mosquito at a show at Barton airfield, Manchester. The crash was caused by an engine problem first identified during the Second World War, but the remedy had "largely been forgotten" by engineers, air accident investigators said

yesterdav. The carburettor in the vintage wooden-framed aircraft cut the fuel flow, causing one tion due to a tendency for the of the engines to stop briefly



The Mosquito seconds before it crashed

series of uncontrollable turns that ended in a high-speed crash into a wood. The dead men were Kevin Moorhouse, 50, the pilot, who was recog nised as one of the most skilled display pilots, and Stephen

Watson, 33, of Wirral. The accident report said that videos taken by spectators showed a puff of smoke and a bang as the aircraft pulled up into a steep turn and per-formed a "wing-over". "Early on in the Second World War, it was found that Merlin-powered aircraft were disadvantaged when taking evasive acengines to cut out under negative G conditions," it said. A

technical "fix" was introduced. But investigation of the carburettors on the crashed Mosquito showed that neither unit met the specified fuel flow requirements under negative G conditions. "The Merlin's reputation for cutting under negative G conditions had endured since the the Second World War. Curiously, the fact that a successful carburettor modification had been developed and incorporated on the subject aircraft to remedy the problem had largely been forgotten," the

accident report says.

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The Independent Television Commission is inviting applications for licences to provide restricted services.

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An ITC Guidance Note specifying the terms and conditions relating to the award and provision of restricted services together with supplementary documents are available from the ITC Information Office at the address below.

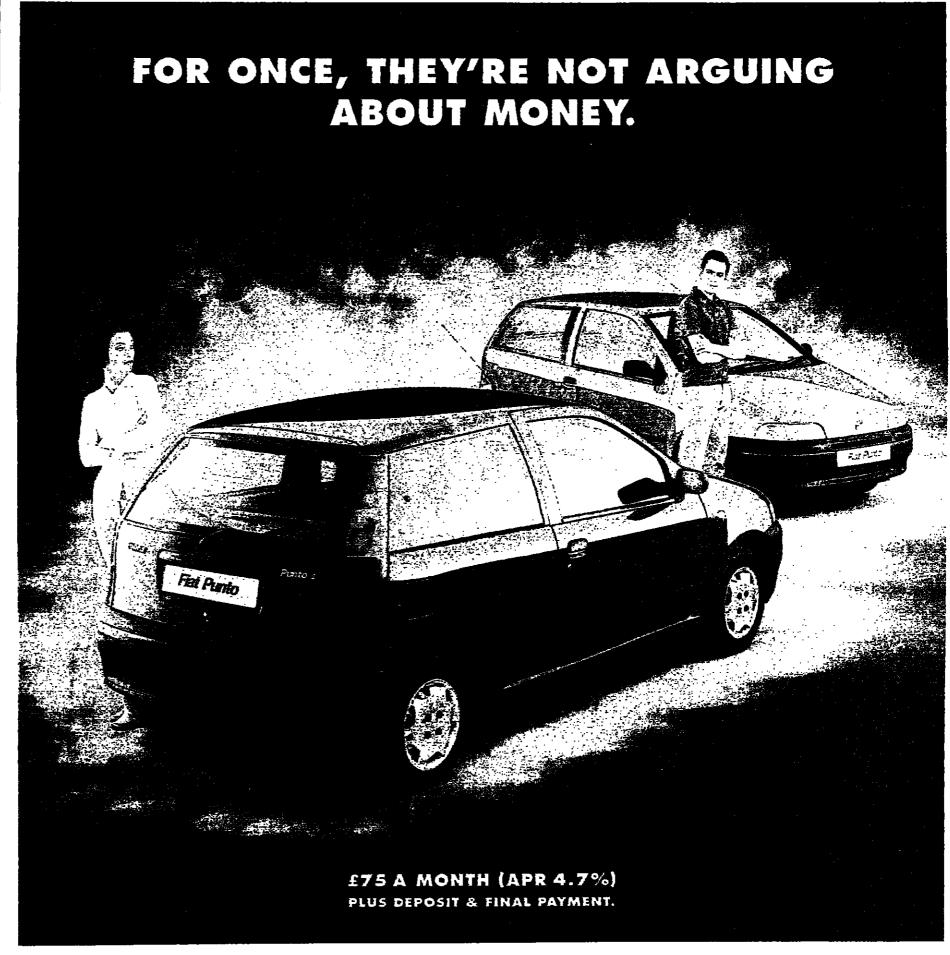
A £500 fee must accompany applications. If a suitable frequency is identified, an additional £1,500 is payable. Annual fees of £2,225 will also be payable for ITC and Wireless Telegraphy Act licences.

Applications for event-based Restricted Services Licences will be considered on receipt by the ITC. Applications for locationbased Restricted Services Licences must reach the ITC no later than 5pm on 30 September 1997. Thereafter applications for location-based RSLs will be considered approximately every six months.

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Empty government offices could cost taxpayers £500m

By Valerie Elliott, whitehall editor

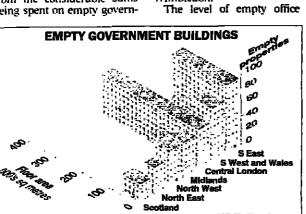
THE Government has empty offices and buildings around the country equivalent to a development 50 per cent big-ger than Canary Wharf in London's Docklands.

The National Audit Office is concerned that, if the accommodation is not sold or re-let. the cost to the taxpayer could rise to £500 million. Sir John Bourn, the Comptroller and Auditor-General, suggests in a report to MPs that the total bill could be higher if the Government has difficulty raising cash to buy out its commitment from long property

Already this year the taxpayer will have to pick up a bill of about £93 million. "It is a matter of regret that the Exchequer receives no value from the considerable sums being spent on empty govern-

ment offices," Sir John says. Among the expensive vacant buildings in London is Century House in Victoria, the former home of MI6, which has moved into a plush new complex on the South Bank of Thames. With 18,400 square metres, it is one of the largest empty properties in the capital. The former MI5 premises in Vauxhall Bridge Road are also empty.

Another eyesore is the 6.500square metre Archway Tower on Highgate Hill, north London, former home of the Benefits Agency. Other un-used properties are the Health Department building in Southwark Inland Revenue offices in Whitechapel Road in the East End. and Employment Service premises in Wimbledon.



space more than doubled from 1992 to 1996 as the Tory administration drove through its Whitehall reforms; there are 384 empty properties total-The Civil Service was slimmed down as Ministers pressed through privatisation programmes, moved offices out of London to the regions and and market-testing. The problem identified by Sir John is that even though the poperty market has been on the upturn, there is little call for second-hand office space, particularly of old, low quality buildings in London such as those vacated.

Sir John is concerned that the Government owns only 40 per cent of the buildings freehold and their best estimated value is £80 million. Of the o0 per cent on lease, Sir John believes they could be harder to dispose of particularly if rents are above market value and if landlords refuse to allow sub-letting or will not allow the Government to buy out the remainder of the lease. The government property services agency hopes to dis-

pose of most properties within four years. Peter Kilfoyle, junior Public Services Minister, said he would keep a close interest in how the agency disposed of the



Customers picking strawberries at Chivers fruit farm in Impington, Cambridge-shire, where the fruit has been grown on straw bales at waist height, to prevent pickers from having to stoop. The fruit is cultivated in grow bags on top of the bales

RAF man survives as chute fails at 3,000ft

By MICHAEL EVANS DEFENCE CORRESPONDENT

AN RAF parachutist escaped serious injury yesterday when his main parachute failed to open at 3,000ft after a freefall jump from 12.000fL

Warrant Officer Alistair MacDonald, 50, had only seconds to jettison his main parachute and open his re-serve before landing. WO MacDonald, who has completed 2,500 jumps, was last night recovering in hospital from minor back injuries after landing heavily in the drop zone at Keevil, Wiltshire.

The incident happened as he and other parachute instructors from RAF Lyneham in Wiltshire were practising high-altitude low-opening (Halo) jumps from a Cl30

Hercules aircraft.

An RAF spokesman said:
The Halo exercise is a wellestablished fall and is no more risky than any other type of exercise. Incidents such as this where the main parachute fails to work properly are rare but it is one of the acceptable risks that parachutists take."

He added: "His reserve parachute would have provided a fair bit of deceleration but he would certainly have hit the ground harder than he was expecting. His injuries could have been far worse and he could even have been killed."

WO MacDonald, who is based at the parachuting school at RAF Lyneham, was taken to Salisbury District Hospital and treated for

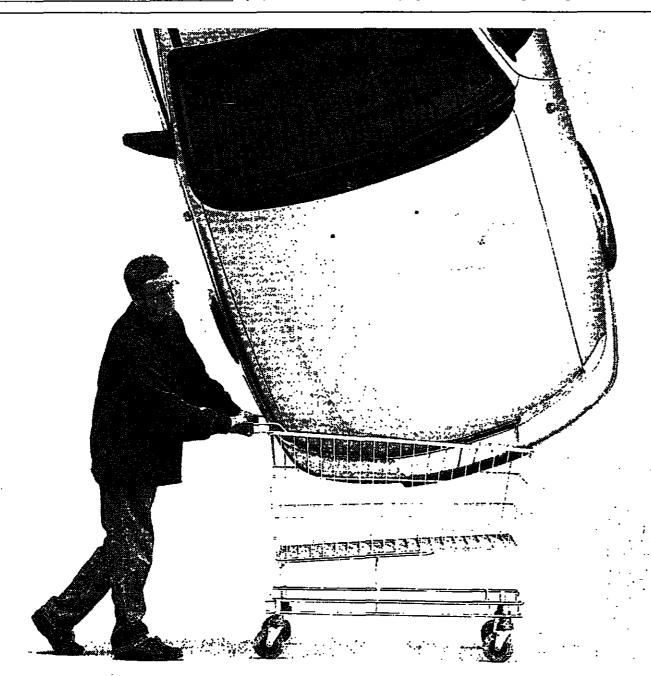


Mr Glyn Jones

Our report (May 30) of the conviction of Mr Gwyn Jones, the leading sheepdog trialist and current Welsh champion, for illtreating five collies at his North Wales farm at Penmancho, was mistakenly accompanied in our earlier editions by a photograph of Mr Glyn Jones.

We are glad to make it clear that Mr Glyn Jones. pictured above, who is also from North Wales, has never been convicted of anything. His distin-guished career as a sheepdog trialist spans 50 years, during which he and his family have bred, trained and sold sheep-dogs worldwide. As a leading authority on the subject, he has written books and made videos about sheepdogs; he has won numerous competitions and has appeared

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Driver paid nephew to take blame

A businessman was jailed for a year yesterday for trying to escape a fine by paying his nephew £250 to take the blame for jumping a red light. Judge Hutton told Brian Goddard, 45, at Gloucester Crown Court: "This is a very serious offence because it strikes at the very heart of the criminal justice system.'

Goddard, of King's Stanley, Gloucestershire, admitted attempting to pervent the course of justice after it came to light that his nephew, Anthony Webb, had been fined £60 and received three penalty points in his place.

Alcohol fault

The alcohol found in a Power Rangers frozen children's drink came from secondary fermentation caused by a production line fault. Magna Specialist Confectioners, the makers, said. The drinks have been withdrawn.

Robber dies

John Morris, 26, suspected of having paramilitary links, died in hospital after being shot in the head and abdomen by police during an armed robbery at a newspaper depot in Dublin on Wednesday. Two men were arrested.

£285 fruit juice

Two Soho bouncers were jailed for nine months for terrorising a pair of German football supporters into paying £285 for two fruit juices.
Juna Dominguez, 35, and
Sidney Price, 47, had denied
blackmail.

Car-crash vicar

The Rev Bruce Harrison, 47, vicar of Glaisdale, near Whitby. lost control of his car at 90mph, which he blamed on job stress, including a com-puter course. He kept his licence but was fined £160 for careless driving and speeding.

Early curtain

The London West End musical The Goodbye Girl, star-ring Gary Wilmot, is to close on June 28, after just two months. The London revival of Steaming, Nell Dunn's 1980s all-women play, is also to close early, on June 14.

Warwick silver

The Earl of Warwick sold family silver for a total of £524.805 at Sotheby's. Ma-Warwick Castle, bought several items, including a George II silver gilt almoner's dish. to be displayed at the castle.

Bit of a flutter

A hat which had apparently been hibernating in a fruit machine flew out when a landlord hit the jackpot and collected his cash. Denis Neame, of the Ugly Duckling. in Dover, asked the RSPCA to escort it from the premises.

Buoyant pound, helps keep food prices down

By ROBIN YOUNG

THE strength of the pound has contributed to lower food prices in the shops. Market analysts reported yesterday that prices are falling by up to 15 per cent a year. Fresh fruit and vegetables are generally lower in price than last year, and there has been a sharp drop in the price of lamb. There is also plenty of cutprice champagne about.
Advertised promotions

Asda: rump steak £6.99 a kg. Scotch beef mince £1.69 a lb, lemon and pepper escalopes El.99 for 284g, frozen vegetarian ready meals £1,20 each, thin and crispy garlic mushroum pizza 99p, strawberries

£1.49 for 450g, mangoes 29p Budgens: Welsh lamb whole/ haif leg £5.69 a kg, chicken breast fillets £4.99 for 625g, roast turkey breast 69p 121b. large open mushrooms 75p for 227g, sweet pickle 37p for 312g,

Belgian buns 79p for two. Co-op (CWS): pork boneless leg steaks £4.39 a kg, minced lamb £1.99 for 400g, Red Beauty plums 99p a kg. Thai-land mixed chillies 86p a pack. traditional salad 99p for 250g, closed mushrooms 99p lb, Moet & Chandon champagne

£14.99. Harrods: peppered ham on the bone £1.89 for 100g, tomato and mozzarella quiche £1.20 a slice, three-peppered terrine £1.49 for 100g, tomato and mozzarella salad £1.59 for 100g. vegetarian ciabatta £2.99 each.

Iceland: smoked salmon steaks £2.00 for 680g, temon sole fillets £3.49 for 600g. Lincolnshire sausages £1.69 for 16, turkey breast steaks E3.49 for 700g, garden peas 79p for 907g. Black Forest gateau 99p for 5-6 portions. Kwik-Save: Ross economy burgers 39p for four, Heinz

WEEKEND SHOPPING

salad cream 43p for 285g. Heinz tomato ketchup E1.09 for 1133g, Coca Cola E1.49 for 6 Marks & Spencer: lime and

coriander mini chicken fillets E2.49 for 230g, salmon cucum-ber and pasta salad £2.49 for 230g, two cream doughnuts 99p, smoked salmon £2.99 for 100g, Chinese mini fillets E2.49 for 230g, Oudinot champagne £9.99.

Safeway: rump steak £7.49 a kg. Scottish salmon steaks £3.32 for four (570g), tagliatelle carbonara 99p for 300g, large avocados 69p for two, cherry tomatoes 59p for 250g. satsumas 99p a kg. Picota therries 99p for 450g, plums 99p kg, nectarines 32p each. Sainsbury's: pork boneless leg joints £2.99 a kg, turkeys 87p a kg. Jersey Royals 19p a lb. red plums 69p a lb. yellow/orange peppers E1.29 a lb, vegetable balti El.49 for 350g. herb

bread 69p for 170g. Somerfield: Whole/half lamb leg £5.38 a kg. mixed kebabs £1.99 for 340g, French-style pork steaks £2.29 for 283g. Chinese leaf 79p each, mangetout £1.19 for 200g, potatoes £1.19 5kg, red seedless grapes 99p a lb, plums 89p a lb. Tesco: beef forerib £3.99 a kg. half leg of lamb £5.75 a kg. pork chops. £4.49 a kg, cod fillets £1.95 a lb, plaice fillets £2.99 a lb. broccoli 69p a lb. carrots 52p for 1.5kg, sliced runner beans £1.29 for 300g. white potatoes 54p for 2.5kg. conference pears 39p a lb. Waitrose: Aberdeen Angus beefburgers 79p for 170g. panbake vegetable pizza £1.99 for 410g, German salami 95p for 100g, Maris new potatoes £1.39 for 2.5kg, limes 19p each.

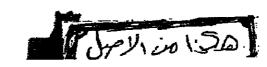
radishes 45p a bunch, plum tomatoes 75p a lb, French

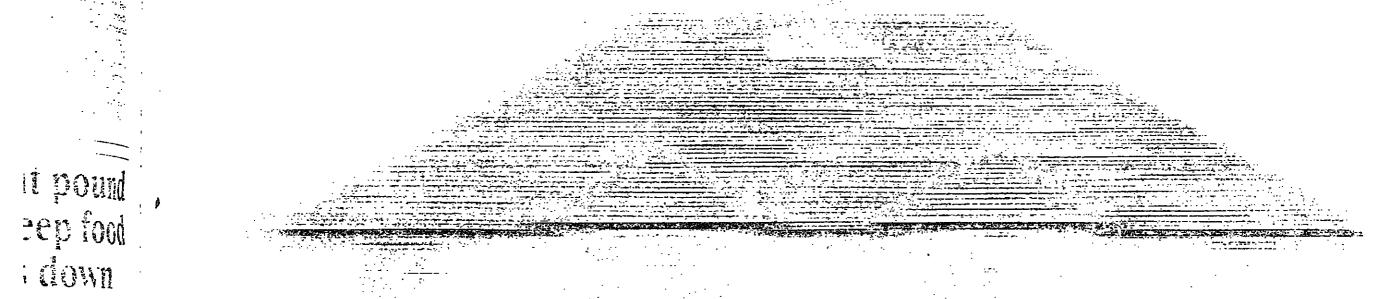
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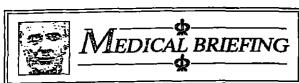
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£7m hope to soothe inflammation pain



A NEW laboratory, built with £7 million from the Japanese drug manufacturday in Oxford, which has heen a centre for investigation into inflammatory conditions for more than a generation

The inflammatory bowel diseases Crohn's disease and ulcerative colitis have quite different origins and produce different physical changes in the guts. from irritable bowel syndrome a condition suffered by eight million people in Britain although both may cause diarrhoea and abdominal pain. No persistent physical finding in the gut wall can be found to account for the ahdominal pain, wind, diarrhoea or constipation which afflicts patients with irritable bowel syndrome, and their troubles seem to be the result of malfunction of the gut rather than any physical

disability within it. Conversely the walls of the gastrointestinal tract of patients with inflammatory howel disease, whether Crohn's or ulcerative colitis. are severely, sometimes dangerously, damaged by inflammation, swelling and ulceration. As well as caus-

ing bleeding, diarrhoea and occasionally perforation and obstruction, the generalised toxic effect of acute inflammation leaves the patient anaemic and feeling unwell and sometimes seriously ill. In Crohn's disease ulceration, although

centred on the small intes-tine, can attack any part of the gastrointestinal tract from the mouth to the Crohn's disease can ulcer-

ate the full thickness of the gut wall. Ulcerative colitis, conversely, attacks the large gut but only involves the mucusal layers together with the sub-mucusal and epithelial wall. Introduction recently of a steroid, Entocort, has enabled larger doses of steroids to be given Although it is the inflam-

matory bowel diseases which are the killers, the average patient with irritable bowel syndrome takes 17 days off work a year because of its symptoms and its treatment. It is estimated to cost the state £500 million

DR THOMAS STUTTAFORD

Two out of ten units would shut under BMA plan to rationalise healthcare

Consultants offer to mastermind hospital closures

By Ian Murray, medical correspondent

CONSULTANTS said yesterday that they were ready to mastermind the closure of some smaller hospitals as the NHS sought to make further

But they emphasised that they would do so only if they were put in charge of the reorganisation and if market forces played no part in deciding which hospitals should

James Johnson, chairman of the British Medical Association's consultants' committee. told its annual meeting that they knew that ministers were being told by the Civil Service and senior NHS management that now was the time to sort out the hospitals. There are a lot of very silly ideas, like one to have one mega-hospital for each two million of the population. That would mean just 25 hospitals for the whole of the UK, and that would be

A BMA working party had analysed the effect of creating a network of mega-hospitals. Each one would need to replace ten existing units and have 6,100 beds, far more than any hospital ever built. It would be too unwieldy to work. "No one could afford to build it. No one in the world knows how to run it, so it does seem to us a little improbable that it will ever happen."

A second proposal to create 5,000-bed hospitals based on existing ones would force patients to travel long distances and was unlikely to produce any savings, he said.

A third model, involving

shutting two out of ten hospitals and keeping an accident and emergency department at five of the remaining eight would be feasible, he said, although there was no proof it would save money or improve care. "Compared to building a mega-hospital, this is a fairly modest proposal, but in terms of political consequences it would be pretty tremendous.

"If there was a political will to do it, it could be done, and it would probably work." There would have to be careful

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it to the market." Independent analysts had found that a hospital with more than 500 beds began to have diseconomies of scale, he said.

He said that even though the Government seemed sympathetic to the National Health Service, "the dead hand of the Treasury clings to the belief that the NHS can continue to be truly comprehensive without the need to inject considerable amounts of increased funding".

If Labour stuck to its promise to stay inside the last Government's spending, he said, the result will be a catastrophe of hitherto unheard of proportions for the service. It would indeed be ironic for a Labour Government to preside over the dissolution of the comprehensive nature of the NHS."

Warning that a winter crisis was looming, he said that this could only be avoided with planning and money. "The only certainty seems to be that each winter will be worse than the last." he said. "Whatever action is required, doing nothing over the coming months does not seem to be an option."



Dr Joyce Goold, who says it would be criminal to close down Odiham's hospital

Villagers want right to buy

By Ian Murray

NINETY years ago, the people of Odiham, in Hampshire, decided they wanted a hospital of their own and held fêtes and collections to raise the money to build it. Now the NHS is threatening to close the hospital and they are starting to organise events again to buy it back.

"There isn't a family in the area who hasn't had a friend or relative treated there," said Dr Joyce Goold, a GP on the action committee. "I have a huge file of letters from people begging us to save it."

Odiham Cottage Hospital has 12 beds in two wards, plus

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there are rarely any vacancies. In the past, minor operations were carried out there, but these days most of the patients are elderly. The senior sister, three staff nurses and four auxiliaries run a small clinic for accidents. The ten GPs in the two local practices are available on a rota in emergencies.

Despite its popularity with the 23,000 people in the area. the Lodden NHS Trust. which pays its bills, decided a year ago to close it. According to the trust's figures, this would save £278.000 a year and soak up spare capacity at the North Hampshire Hospi-

another in a single room, and tal in Basingstoke. Dr Goold and her colleagues have rival figures. "We could cut the cost in one of our beds from £158 a night to £79 a night," she said. We could save on management charges and bring the bill right down. It is nonsense to say they have spare capacity at Basingstoke. Last winter all their beds and ours were

full for long periods." She argues that patients in the cottage hospital recover more quickly because their relatives can visit them more easily and the care is more personal. "It would be criminal to shut it down. It would harm the health of the community."

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Public apathy hits diabetes research

By Our Medical Correspondent

RESEARCH into diabetes is at risk because the public fails to understand how dangerous the disease is, a MORI survey

Although there are 1.4 million diabetics in Britain, the poll found that diabetes came at the end of a list of illnesses on which the public wanted to spend research money. The British Diabetic Association said that it was having to turn down applications for grants for projects that could eliminate or control the disease

over the next 20 years. Launching a campaign today to raise enough money to fund the necessary research. the association said that the work would ultimately save the National Health Service

billions of pounds. The MORI poll found widespread ignorance about the disease. At least 75 per cent did not know it could cause heart disease or strokes, 56 per cent did not believe it could lead to amputations, and 44 per cent were unaware that it could

cause kidney failure. Of the 2,082 people interviewed, 45 per cent had no idea that it could cause death.

The association said that only 10 per cent of those surveyed wanted more money spent on diabetes research. compared with 41 per cent who wanted more money for work on Aids and HfV.

Apathy towards the disease persisted, although there was evidence that its incidence was rising among the underfives, that 20,000 people under 20 would have to inject themselves with insulin for the rest of their lives, and that it had become one of the main causes of blindness.

The association spends £4.5 million a year on research but, because the cost of equipment is rising by 10 per cent a year, fewer projects can be funded. To mark National Diabetes Week, which starts on Monday, dietitians will tour Sainsbury's supermarkets giving advice on dishes best suited for diabetics.







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Why eco-friendly Prescott won't be getting on his bike

IN THE course of a busy day spent extolling the virtues of leaving the car at home in favour of greener forms of transport, John Prescott explained that one eco-friendly option was no longer open to him. The Deputy Prime Ministerial bicycle has been stolen.

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Mr Prescott had been on the radio in the morning explaining the need to improve the public transport system. He said that he intended to use his own cars less and, to prove the point, he later leapt onto the Underground. During the journey, on which journalists had been invited to accompany him, he said that he had given up his Jaguar now

Damian Whitworth joins the sweltering scrum on the London Underground as the Deputy Prime Minister revels in taking the press for a ride

came with a chauffeur. One wondered what he had done with his Jag. Was it now languishing in the garage in Hull?

"Why?" he asked suspiciously, "Do you want to pinch it?" This was the first of a number of those Prescott answers that take the questioner completely by surprise and in which he specialises. He started to explain — "I only say that because last week someone broke

into the garage" — but then went off in a different direction. It wasn't until a cycling journalist accosted him later in the day that the full domestic saga came out.

"Are you a cyclist?" the man demanded of Mr Prescott. "I was until somebody broke into the house and pinched my bike last week," he

Ears pricked up. "Actually it was

What he insists he does use regularly are buses, Tubes and trains. "I probably take more public transport than any other member of the Government," he said. He set out to prove it by taking the Tube from Westminster to South Kensington, where he was to address the Royal Geographical Society.

Just how spontaneous his Tube jaunts are is open to question. I know he uses public transport because friends who live round the corner from him have seen him getting off the night bus in Clapham on the way to his London flat. Sadly, now even this great inde-

great user of bikes myself, but I did use it, occasionally." pendent spirit is being tamed by the party machine. The Tube jaunt was arranged two weeks ago, a harassed press officer let slip.

Mr Prescott and the media scrum squeezed onto a train. He talked about the problems of changing for the Northern Line late at night at Victoria. "Is the last one still 1220?" he asked a London Transport minion. Sometimes you have to wait 20 minutes. That's the problem we have to deal with. My bus, the No 88, takes me from doorstep to doorstep but late at night you don't know whether you've missed the night bus or not and the last Tube

He had last used the Tube a week

here," he said. He chatted cheerfully to passengers about transport policy. One man even managed to get a word in edgeways and ask where investment cash was going to come from. Mr Prescott raised his voice above the rattling train and explained his policy. After a couple of minutes of polished argument the man declared himself a convert.

On the Tube back to the office Mr Prescott was full of mischief. He maintained that John Major had approached him the other day in the Commons. "Because I'm in charge of rainwater he asked if I could do something to make sure it didn't rain during the cricket."

Transit system uses rail and road

By Alexandra Frean LOCAL GOVERNMENT CORRESPONDENT

THE developers of a rapid transit system in Northampton say it combines the best

elements of bus and light rail. Their system uses environ-mentally friendly gas-powered rapid transit vehicles (RTVs). which travel at speeds of up to 50mph on a track along disused railway lines. Once in town, the RTVs run along the existing road network and use transponders to alert traffic lights to change in their

The scheme aims to cut journey times in the town by half and to reduce reliance on private cars from 90 to 60 per cent of all journeys. It could be in place by 2000.

The system will not require public subsidy, but will be financed principally through contributions from developers who own land that would

benefit from the service. Alex Robinson, chief executive of Rapid Transport International, the private company behind the scheme, said that Northampton had one of the highest rates of car use per person in the country, making it ideal for the system.

The rown also has an existing network of disused railway lines, which can be converted into special guideways, avoiding the need to widen existing roads or build new ones. Northampton Borough Council has still to grant planning permission for the scheme, but is supportive of it.

Labour promises to get motorists back on the buses

By NICK NUITALL, ENVIRONMENT CORRESPONDENT

MOTORISTS face higher taxes and more gruelling trips through British cities under plans to ration road space in favour of buses.

John Prescott, the Deputy Prime Minister, said yesterday that the Government will be publishing a Transport White Paper next year on how to cut pollution, reduce emissions of greenhouse gases, and improve the quality of urban life. Central to the plan is increasing the "speed, efficiency and safety" of public transport. He also pledged to pump more investment into the London Underground.

Mr Prescott, the Secretary of State for Environment, Transport and the Regions, said that Gordon Brown, the Chancellor, was studying taxes to squeezed to one lane through-

make using the car more costly and that his department was looking at re-regulation of city bus companies to bring them back under tighter local authority control.

The Government was determined to increase the number of people using buses. In some cities, such as London, buses were running at 25 per cent of capacity. "We have got to look at our existing capacity and use it more efficiently," he said. Cities such as Manchester and Sheffield were proving that people would switch from cars to public transport if they could

rely on it. Mr Prescott said "road rationing", in which the space available for private cars is out cities to create extra bus He urged the public to judge his commitment to the environment and reforming public transport over the next five vears on "whether I get the buses going faster". He added: That means in some cases more regulation, in some

The Deputy Prime Minister was speaking at a meeting organised to mark World Environment Day. It comes in advance of a special General Assembly of the United Nations, dubbed Rio II, called to debate how far nations have implemented environmental agreements reached in Brazil five years ago.

cases more investment.

The Government has pledged to cut emissions of carbon dioxide by 20 per cent by 2010. Officials say that half the cuts will have to come from transport, the fastest rising sector for emissions. Other areas include the reduction of energy consumption by homes and business.

Mr Prescott admitted that the Government's pledge to reduce VAT on domestic fuel went against its ambitious global warming targets. Officals estimate that the cut will increase emissions by 0.6 per cent. "It is a dilemma," he conceded, saying that they had poor and the pensioners with the needs of the environment.

The Deputy Prime Minister also signalled tougher green taxes on industry. "Environmental taxes can encourage industry to find cost-effective. innovative ways of reducing pollution," he said.

The Government would also at the special New York General Assembly be pressing nations hard to control pollution of the seas and protection of fish stocks. Mr Prescott, a trained diver, said: "The oceans are so important to the



John Prescott taking the Underground to South Kensington yesterday to show he practices what he preaches

Tax changes could accelerate reforms

By Michael Binyon

TRANSPORT analysts have warmly endorsed John Prescott's proposals to boost the uses of trains, buses and bicycles, although several suggested that Labour's goal of an integrated" public transport

"If integration means simply making sure that the buses arrive at the station before the trains leave, then that seems fairly obvious," said Terence Bendixson, an independent policy analyst. More effective would be a range of measures to encourage cycling, walking and the use of buses. Small steps could do much: making cycleways on roads rather than displacing pedestrians, encouraging park-and-ride schemes, helping bus companies to update their fleets. "There is a hell of a lot that

can be done with buses," he said. "They are still the key to good public transport in

He said that tax reforms would also do much to change habits. At least ten measures, sions on company cars to increasing petrol tax above the rate of inflation and making resident parking charges de pendent on car size, could be introduced to encourage people to use public transport instead of cars.

Lynn Sloman, of Transport 2000, a lobby encouraging rail use, said Labour had also to change the "crazy" tax anomalies that encouraged car use, such as taxing any employees offered incentives to travel by bus or bicycle but allowing free, untaxed parking space at









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Deaths on the road continue to decline

By ARTHUR LEATHLEY

THE number of people killed on Britain's roads last year was the lowest since records

began.
The 3,598 road deaths in 1996 continued a trend that has cut fatality rates by almost a third in 15 years. The number of serious injuries last year also fell, to 44.473.

The new figures strengthen Britain's claim to have one of the lowest road death rates among industrialised nations, less than half that in France, the United States and Germany, and almost five times lower than in Portugal.

However, the number of minor injuries, at 272,231, rose 4 per cent on the 1995 figure, and child casualty figures rose by 2 per cent to 44,385. Baroness Hayman, the road safety minister, said: "Any reduction in the toll of death and injury on our roads is, of course, welcome." But further action would be taken to reduce slight injuries. "We will be working hard to push these figures down further through safer roads, safer

vehicles and safer driving." Her comments came after ministers unveiled plans to tackle urban speeding, seen as one of the main problems in improving road safety.

The figures suggest that the Government is on course to achieve the target, set in the mid-1980s, of reducing road accidents by a third by the year 2000. Ministers attribute the downward trend to a combination of safer cars, the wearing of seat belts, and less

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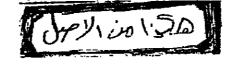
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Family likely to benefit again from electronic publishing deal for archive that cost the nation £13m

Churchill papers to go on sale as CD-Roms

THE Churchill papers. bought by the nation two years ago with £13 million of lottery money, are to be put on CD-Rom for sale to the public in a move expected to reopen debate about the purchase

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The papers were bought from a private family trust set up by Sir Winston Churchill in 1946 for the benefit of his heirs. Now the Churchill family is likely to benefit again, as the sale involved it retaining copyright in about a third of the papers in the archive.

Although the nation now

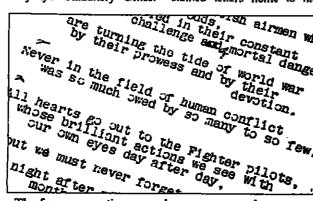
owns all the papers, it will benefit only from royalties on state papers - about a third of the archive - which it already owned. Copyright to the other third is owned by the 3,000 authors of the various documents and letters.

Plans for the ambitious project, which are still to be completed, mean that the 1.5 million items held in the Sir Winston Churchill Archive

Trust at Cambridge will become widely available, including in libraries.

But the electronic publishing deal - described as a copyright nightmare - has involved months of negotiafamily, the Churchill Archive Trust, Primary Source Media, publishers in Reading, Southampton University and Her Majesty's Stationery Office. Piers Brendon, keeper of the archive, said: The trustees are very much aware that this is a sensitive issue, because the nation has paid huge amounts to obtain these papers, so whatever is done has to be seen to be done in a sensible and responsible way."

The papers, in 3,000 boxes. relate to the whole of Churchill's life and range from tearstained letters home to his



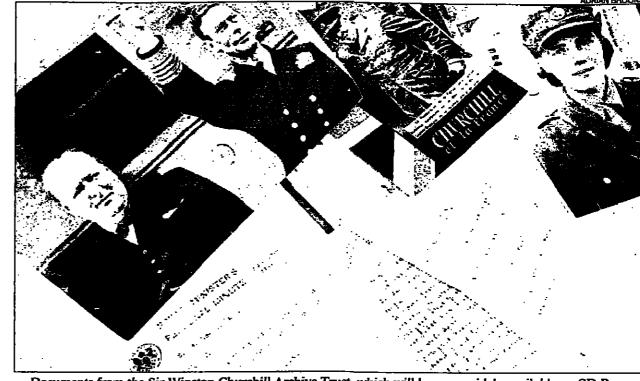
The famous wartime speeches are among the papers

mother and his school reports.

Proposals for the deal were put forward to the Sir Winston Churchill Archive trustees for their consideration last week. Andreas Whittam Smith, the chairman, said that, if they were acceptable, an announcement could be made by

Jim Wretham, head of copy-right at HMSO, said the nation would benefit to the extent that HMSO will charge a licensing fee for the use of the Crown papers in which it has copyright and will derive a percentage royalty from the publishers' income. Besides the family, however, the main beneficiaries are likely to be the publishing company and. to some extent, a team at Southampton University, which is putting the docuto microfiche and digitising them for electronic

There are expected to be



Documents from the Sir Winston Churchill Archive Trust, which will be more widely available on CD-Rom

various levels of publication. from more scholarly CD-Roms for libraries, to ones aimed at the general public. containing those papers with most popular appeal. No prices have yet been put forward, but Encarta, a popu-

from Microsoft, sells for

Mr Wretham said the great advantage of the deal was that people. in particular researchers, would have easy access to documents which otherwise required painstaking examination. At present anyone

wanting to see the papers must visit the archive centre or travel to exhibitions of the papers. A big exhibition at the John Rylands Library in

An estimated 5,000 people

the Public Records Office museum between June and October last year. A further 2,000 saw the papers when they were made available at the archive centre in January this

Colditz prisoner's letters open a door on his life

A BUNDLE of letters from an officer imprisoned at Colditz World War has attracted the interest of historians.

The collection of more than 50 letters and postcards was acquired by the Norfolk Record Office from a book dealer who is believed to have obtained them during a house clearance. They detail the experiences of Lieutenant Geoffrey Ransom, from Holt,

rchivist said yesterday: These letters are the raw material of history, but they

build up a complete picture." Lieutenant Ransom's unit in the war is not known, but he was captured in 1940 and was held initially in Offlag 7C at Laufen. He was moved to the maximum security Colditz Castle in 1941 for unexplained reasons — probably an escape attempt — and stayed there until it was liberated in 1945.

The officer wrote home in August, 1941: "I am still fit and cheerful. I have been here for three weeks now and have not regretted it once. The atmo-

Laufen was highly organised, but here, by comparison, we Alban said the optimistic picture needed to be viewed through the screen of wartime censorship and the wishes of the prisoners to allay rela-

In another letter, he described the differences beage age is about 25. No one peace and that does not seem to go down well with people when they get over 45.

As the war lengthened, the letters reflected the monotony of daily life. They brightened parents: "You can start steaming a Christmas pudding up. It looks very much as if I shall

there the trail goes cold.

would be among the men who

be with you to help you eat it." Lieutenant Ransom married and went into practice in London after the war, but ☐ The posthumous Victoria Cross won by a Royal Navy petty officer at Gallipoli in 1915 is to be auctioned. Billy Williams, 35, accepted a place on the collier SS River Clyde

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Hague secures backing of supermarket chief

SUPPORTERS of Michael Howard's flagging leadership campaign claimed an important breakthrough yesterday when two of Stephen Dorrell's key lieutenants announced they were backing him.

As the battle for votes on the Centre-Right intensified, William Hague enlisted Archie Norman, the MP who transformed the Asda supermarket chain into a market leader. The executive of Huntingdon Conservative Association. whose MP is John Major. has also voted unanimously for Mr Hague.

But Feter Lilley appeared to have lost ground. The decision of David Faber, a grandson of Harold Macmillan, to go into the Howard camp was a serious blow for him. Mr Lilley's supporters had assumed Mr Faber was in the bag. Simon Burns, who was also one of Mr Dorrell's few supporters, has also joined Mr

John Redwood also secured two new valuable public endorsements, with the promise of more today. The fightback

hours after Kenneth Clarke scored a propaganda coup with the decision by Stephen Dorrell not to contest the leadership election.

Mr Howard also released the names of three further new supporters, including John Taylor, a former minister, and the veteran Eurosceptic Sir Richard Body. The former Home Secretary, who claimed he was in second place behind Mr Clarke, said: "I am confident that I can make up the gap before the end of this contest and beat Ken Clarke in the second or third ballot."

On top of Mr Norman's support for Mr Hague, David Prior and Tim Lawton, two newly elected MPs, also endorsed him.

Mr Norman, who wiped out Asda's £l billion debt, is tipped as a future Tory leader. He will be asked to advise on the re-organisation of the Conservative Party machine. I will be prepared to offer whatever help I can on party organisation to who ever wins the election," he said. "But I am convinced that the election of William Hague in its own

ment and galvanise the par-ty." Mr Hague will show off his prize signing at a highpowered breakfast meeting of industrialists this morning.

Meanwhile, Mr Redwood won the backing yesterday of Nicholas Winterton, the veteran right-wing MP, and Andrew Robathan, who had been widely tipped to join the
Hague campaign. Mr
Robathan succeeded Nigel
Lawson as MP for Blaby,
where constituency activists voted overwhelmingly for Mr Redwood after he appeared in a debate with the other candidates.

Mr Robathan said: "I was influenced by the constituency vote but I was looking for somebody with leadership potential. I think John Redwood has the potential to be a great

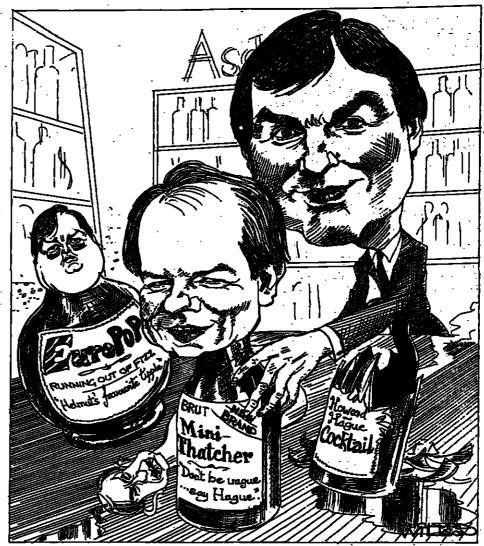
As nominations closed yesterday for the first round on Tuesday, the issue of Europe once again provoked a renewed clash between Mr Clarke and Mr Redwood. Only days after suggesting

should be delayed Mr Clarke, in an interview in The Spectator, said: "If the criteria were met I would consider taking us in, providing it was in the national interest. We must not be bullied by the right wing into ruling it out."

But Mr Redwood said the only one way to restore unity to the party was to accept that a Conservative government could never take Britain into monetary union. "The only way to end the Conservative civil war is to settle which side has won," he said.

While he wanted to see pro-Europeans such as Kenneth Clarke in his Shadow Cabinet they would have to accept his leadership on the single currency. He would not seek to gag backbenchers who still supported monetary union. But unless they ended the conflict the party would have "all the charm and straightforwardness of a Balkan battlefield".

In his Spectator interview, Mr Clarke demanded action to prevent an "organised faction" in the Conservative Party



Labour is criticised over sale of Blair speech

By Andrew Pierce

COPIES of Tony Blair's speech on welfare reform have been been sold to lobbyists to raise money for Labour Party funds, it was disclosed yesterday.

Tory MPs last night questioned whether Civil Service rules had been broken because the speech was delivered in Mr Blair's capacity as Prime Minister and not as party leader. It was the latest instalment in the controversy about the new Government allegedly blurring the line between party and Whitehall. Mr Blair's speech, which

was delivered on a rundown south London council estate, was faxed from Downing Street to Labour Party headquarters. The party's corporate affairs department released the text on its commercial subscription service. The party, having faxed the speech to its clients, sent hundreds more by post the

The commercial subscription service, set up by Labour 12 years ago, provides lobbyists, commercial companies, and charitable institutions with copies of party speeches and policy documents. Now that Labour is in government, the rules have changed. The party leadership is trying to decide what is party political material and what is categorised as government material.

The decision to put the

UK party

in squabble

over plan

for merger

By James Landale FACTION fighting has bro-

ken out within the UK Inde-

pendence Party over plans to

form a national umbrella organisation linking all anti-

European groups, including the Referendum Party.

A breakaway group will this weekend hold a summit

of 70 leading Eurosceptic

Basingstoke to discuss the

moves with members of Sir

James Goldsmith's move-

Alan Sked, the UKIP lead-

er, is fiercely opposed to the move, which he believes will

lead to his party being sub-merged into the separate

grouping. He believes instead

that a truce should be called between the UKIP and the

members can join other political parties, so they can work

In an attempt to boost his followers, Dr Sked is holding

his own rally at the London

School of Economics on Sat-

urday at exactly the same time

as the breakaway forum in

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speech on to the commercial subscription service was taken by Mary Bruce, the corporate relations officer. Lobbyists are among her biggest clients and are charged double the rate of charitable bodies.

Sir Archie Hamilton, chairman of the Tory backbench 1922 Committee, said there should be an investigation. A spokesman for the Labour

Party said: "We will review what we provide to subscribers now that we are in government. In the past everything could go out, but the boundaries will change. ☐ Mr Blair urged the Cabinet

yesterday not to "lose track of

the big picture" amid signs that Labour's honeymoon with the voters is persisting. Prime Minister in history, with an approval rating of 82 per cent, a Gallup poll for The Daily Telegraph said. In another indicator of the Government's popularity, more people are claiming to have voted for the winning side

than actually did. Marking Labour's first five weeks in office, Mr Blair yesterday urged Cabinet colleagues not to get so engrossed in the business of governing that they forgot about communicating with the public.

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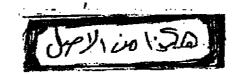
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BT school Net plan put back by Oftel action

BY ERIC REGULY

panies' £1 per pupil proposal.

do not want to connect schools

out of pure altruism. They

realise, as Mr Cruickshank

noted, that children, if exposed

to their products and services,

are likely to become loyal

In a separate development,

figures released yesterday by

of residential consumers have

derived little benefit from almost £2 billion of British

Telecom price cuts since the

been reducing overall prices

between £400 million and

£500 million a year since 1991-

92. But the company, which is

free to chose where the price

cuts are implemented, has

ensured that its business cus-

tomers received most of the

Some 80 per cent of the 22.6

million residential customers

saw their bills decline by only

1 per cent, before adjustments

for inflation, since 1991-92.

Their average quarterly bill,

ket has been under the

greatest competitive threat.

BT, under an Oftel-imposed

early 1990s.

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BT and the cable companies

BRITISH Telecom and the Government cancelled a planned joint announcement yesterday on BT's plan to connect schools to the after learning that Oftel, the telecoms regulator, had not yet approved the deal.

Sir Iain Vallance, BT's chairman, and David Blunkett, the Education and Employment Secretary, were to reveal BT's plans to connect every school to the Internet at a public ceremony at a London school, Government sources said. The announcement was to be the result of Labour's commitment, made at the 1995 party conference that, if elected, if would lift the ban that prevents BT from using its network to broadcast entertainment services. In exschools, libraries, colleges and hospitals to the superhighway at no charge.

It is understood that BT learnt last week that Don Cruickshank, Oftel's Director-General, was not yet ready to approve BT's connections proposal on competition grounds. Government sources said the Education Department was surprised and somewhat angered by Mr Cruickshank's disclosure. As a result, the Vallance-Blunkett schools announcement was cancelled.

BT declined to comment. Mr Cruickshank yesterday confirmed that BT's proposal was under review and that competition issues were at the heart of the matter. He said: We must ensure that schools get the services they need at the price they can afford. But we also need to make sure that they have a choice of services."

Oftel, he said, is to publish a consultative document in July on the BT proposal and any alternatives. In January, the cable companies offered to connect schools to the Internet for £1 per pupil per year.

The Education Department did not publicly reveal its disappointment that it and BT could not make their planned announcement. Mr Blunkett said that Oftel's decision to consult industry on BT's proposals and move as quickly as possible "is good news for schools and shows we are making real progress towards our ambitions for a National Grid for learning".

The Government is thought to be concerned that a lengthy review process will delay the shools connections effort. It had hoped that the first schools would be connected to the Internet in time for the

autumn term. Oftel is concerned that BT



Sir Robert Horton revealed a 27 per cent increase in profit at Railtrack, which is paying 10,000 members of staff free shares worth £1,000 each

By Fraser Nelson

SHARES of Railtrack rose 12p to 658p yesterday as the City dismissed fears of a draconian government clampdown on its profits. This was despite the track and station operator coming under fire for delivering debut annual profits of £346 million, up 27 per cent. In one of its heaviest days of trading since joining the market last year, 7.34 million Railtrack shares changed hands. Analysts said the profits did not rank as excessive in spite of an outcry over their growth rate. One said: "People who think

City relief takes the brake off Railtrack

Railtrack is making too much money simply do not understand business. It has margins of 14 per cent while utilities are making 40 per cent." In this financial year profits are expected to grow only 4 per cent, to £360 million. John Edmonds, chief executive, admitted that the company is some £10 million behind its target to refurbish stations after difficulties on agreeing contracts. However, he said it has so far spent £100 million more than the budget laid out by John Swift, the regulator. He said: "We are spending

£4 million a day at the moment. The regulator knows what has been agreed: we simply cannot spend £400 million in one year. If you play with gross numbers, like he does, you can make up any story you like."

The company, under the chairman-ship of Sir Robert Horton, has awarded 10,000 of its staff free shares worth £1,000. The dividend is 22.1p (20.6p), with a final 14.8p. Earnings edged to 58.4p (53.8p) a share.

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Channel Tunnel passenger figures prompt City concern

By Jason Nissé yesterday by Eurotunnel show

that 491,000 people travelled

on Eurostar last month, a 15

THE City is increasingly con-cerned about the £4.4 billion refinancing of Eurotunnel and the planned £1 billion flotation of London & Continental Railways after passenger figures for May indicated both could miss traffic targets included in the Eurotunnel restructuring

including line-rental charges. is now £44. The highest spenders in the residential market derived the most benefit from the price cuts. Their bills fell by almost 20 per cent over the five-year period, taking their average quarterly bill to £130. fast link to the tunnel, By comparison business customers are estimated to have jeopardising Eurotunnel's seen bills fall 40 per cent. ong-term prospects. The link BT directed most of the price will need £4 billion of private finance expected to be raised reductions at business customthrough a £1 billion float and £3 billion loan from banks. ers because the business mar-

document only last week. Any delay to next year's flotation of LCR, which runs the Eurostar train and is backed by Richard Branson's Virgin Group as well as London Electricity and SBC Warburg, will put back the construction of the

The traffic figures issued

per cent increase on May last year, making a total of 2.18 million people taking the train through the tunnel this year. The "downside case" traffic projections in the Eurotunnel prospectus, provided by SNCF, of France, show

month. "It depends on how

good a summer they have, but

it looks like they will be lucky

to get much more than six million passengers this year."

Eurostar needing to carry 6.7 million people this year to meet targets, a 37 per cent increase over 1996. Yesterday City analysts said they doubted this figure could be met, even though three additional Eurostar trains will operate on the route from next

said a leading Eurotunnel

In the short term Euro-

the prospectus. In addition, LCR may find it difficult to float next year if traffic figures fall short. A spokeswoman for LCR said that it was on target for a

flotation next spring. "The important figures to focus on are the yield from the passengers," she said, "and we do not release those figures."

follower.

tunnel receives a minimum usage payment from LCR whatever the traffic figures. However, a condition imposed by the banks on the £4.4 billion refinancing of Euro-tunnel's debts is that it meets the traffic target included in

Eurotunnel shares fell 12p to 63p yesterday, matching an

Simon rallies support for single market

A NEW report co-authored by Lord Simon of High-bury, the Minister for Trade and Competitiveness in Europe, yesterday called on member states to concentrate on completing the single market (Alasdair Murray writes).

The report says that the failure to finish the single market is harming competitiveness. Europe, it says, should not let the political debate over monetary union "obscure" the benefits of a single market

It adds that the single market is becoming overburdened with legislation, while some sectors, such as energy and telecoms, have not yet been sufficiently liberalised.

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Markets expect to see base rate rise

By Alasdair Murray and Philip Bassett

FINANCIAL markets are poised for interest rates to rise today, despite retail sales figures out yesterday showing slower high street growth last month The Bank of England Monetary Policy Committee began its

inaugural monthly meeting vesterday afternoon. A conclusion is expected by lunchtime today. Most economists believe the Bank will use its new powers to raise rates a quarter point to 6.5 per cent.

The stock market could also be unsettled today by strong US emolovment data, which would point to a rise in rates soon in America.

But the distributive trade figures, produced by the Confederation of British Industry, showed retail sales growth halving in May to its lowest level since October 1995.

The net balance of retailers

from 42 per cent in April to 21 per cent last month. Most sectors, with the exception of grocers and durable household goods, saw sales slow. Furniture retailers and footwear sellers reported a fall in sales.

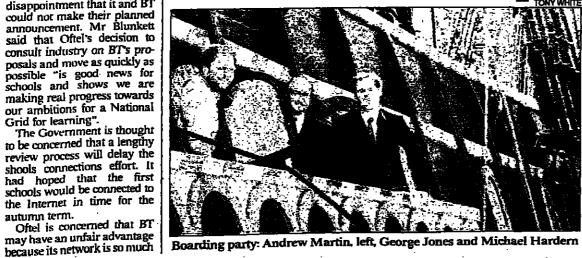
reporting a rise in the volume

of their sales fell back sharply.

But the quarterly figures pointed to continued growth in sales and the CBI said businesses remained optimistic about the short term.

Sudhir Junankar, associate director of economic analysis at the CBI, said the data coupled with the prospects of tax rises in next month's Budcan be left on hold for the moment". But Adam Cole, UK economist at James Capel. said most of the data published in the past month pointed to a base-rate rise today.

Nationwide 'carpetbaggers' state their case



DISSIDENT members of the Nationwide Building Society yesterday launched their campaign to be elected to its board, in a move that could spell the beginning of the end for mutual building societies. The members, spearheaded

by Michael Hardern, a seasoned "carpetbagger", are pledged to force through the conversion of the Nationwide into a plc and give qualifying customers a bonus of about £1,000. After the flotation of the Halifax, the Nationwide is Britain's biggest building society, with assets worth nearly £40 billion. The current board

By NATHAN YATES

mutual status. If elected, the five proconversion campaigners will implement a radical programme of reforms, which would include takeover bids for the remaining top 20 mutuals. Mr Hardern predicted that his programme would unleash a bidding war for smaller societies that would wipe out mutual ownership.

Campaigning under the slogan "if you want £1,000 vote for us", Mr Hardern proposed a restructuring of the society's existing business, with a move towards telephone services

is committed to retaining its

The "Members for Conversion" action group has sent 25,000 free "Carpetbaggers' Guides" to Nationwide members, and more than 1,000 individuals have made donations to the campaign. A Nationwide spokesman said the dissidents are not

"suitably qualified" to run a large institution. They include a retired undertaker, a computer specialist, a management consultant and secretary. Mr Hardern is a freelance butler,

and closure of some branches.

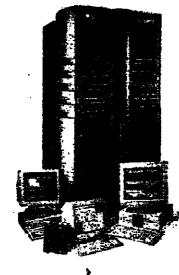
Court overturns VAT ruling

By Jason Nisse

THE European Court has handed the financial services industry a £300 million a year boost by overturning a controversial VAT ruling brought by the Danish tax

The Advocate-General had supported the decison to force Danish banks to pay VAT on contracted-out services such as cheque processing or payment clearing. This ruling would have cost banks and insurance groups in the EU dearly as most financial services are zero-rated for VAT, so the banks could not claim the money back. VAT on contracted-out services

would have cost over £300 million. However, yesterday the court threw out City Diary, page 31 | the Advocate-General's ruling.



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BUSINESS ROUNDUP

Foster's aims to sell

Inntrepreneur stake

FOSTER'S EREWING said it would consider any offers for

its half stake in Instrepreneur, the British pub chain. Ted Kunkel, chief executive, said: "We have made no secret of the

fact that Inutrepreneur is no longer a core business for us. We

do get offers from time to time for different assets and we consider them. Inntrepreneur is jointly owned by Grand Metropolitan, which is in the process of merging with Guinness.

Foster's, the Australian brewer, is to buy back in the 13 per cent stake held by Asahi, the Japanese brewer, for A\$625 million (£290 million). Meanwhile, Broken Hill Proprietary will place 31.4 per cent of Foster's with an investment bank and an

Australian broker. The sale could raise about A\$1.5 billion.

Sears settles tax dispute

Simon urges EU to focus on single market

EUROPE should concentrate on completing the single market and not let the political debate over monetary union "obscure" its benefits, a report co-authored by Lord Simon of Highbury claimed yesterday. Lord Simon, the former chairman

of BP, has recently been appointed Minister for Trade and Competitiveness in Europe, suggesting the re-port's analysis could provide the blueprint for government action.

Didgemere, gave warning that work on the single market must be completed if Europe is not to lose competitiveness. The report highlighted areas ranging from protected sectors to the application of competition law across the EU that Europe still needs to tackle to finish the single

market project.
The "Sheppard Inquiry" received immediate backing from the Confederation of British Industry. Adair Turner, the Director General, said: "We must have a single market that really works if Europe is successfully to tackle its twin problems of low growth and high unemployment." The report finds that single market legislation has often become burden-some for business, while enforcement

has been uneven. "Subsidiarity. health and safety and environmental regulations" have become "frequently used weapons" to block out foreign competition, while in some sectors single market legislation is in danger

of "suffocating" business.

But the Sheppard Inquiry also finds that a lack of legislation in some

telecoms, transport and financial

creation of a single market.

A single currency could also play
an important part in eliminating distortions in the single market, but the report adds "it is not a pre-condition for its further develop-ment", and should not "obscure the economic benefits of a fully developed single market".

The Sheppard Inquiry concludes that there is a need to "rekindle the evangelical fervour" with which the

and outlines measures to put the project back on track. State aid, subsidies and price controls, which are distorting markets such as pharmaceuticals, should be removed, while competition needs to be introduced into the energy, telecoms and financial services sectors. Other barriers to an efficient single market and especially to labour mobility also need to be examined.

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BHP's remaining 5.1 per cent stake will be made available to its shareholders after October 5 in a separate offer for those who wish to continue with a Foster's holding. BHP will take a book gain on the main sale of its shares of about A\$75 million.

SEARS has reached a settlement with the Inland Revenue over a protracted dispute concerning the retail group's tax treatment of its sale of William Hill, the betting shop chain. The Revenue, which had been claiming more than £80 million in unpaid tax, has agreed that Sears should pay £750,000. David Defty, finance director, said that the Revenue had agreed to pay back about £1.5 million in tax to Sears in settlement of other matters, so that the net effect

NU grey price slips

SHARES in Norwich Union, the mutual life insurer due to float on the stock market on June 16, are currently being quoted at 334p to 344p according to City Index, the financial bookmaker. The price has risen by more than 10 per cent since trading started in the unofficial grey market at 310p on June 3. City Index reported receiving 400 to 500 calls about the insurer in that time. Norwich Union's most recent forecast for the opening price is 240p to 290p. City Index said the stock had slipped from a high of 355p to 365p on Wednesday.

News Ltd appointment

LACHLAN MURDOCH has been appointed chairman of News Ltd. the Australian subsidiary of The News Corporation, which is the parent company of The Times. Mr Murdoch takes up his new responsibilities on July 1. The appointment follows the recent announcement of Ken Cowley's decision to step down as executive chairman of News Ltd. Mr Murdoch, 25, has been managing director of News Ltd since September 1996. He joined the board in

Denby issues warning

SHARES in Denby Group, the furniture and furnishings group, fell 25p to 2222p after Ray Way, chairman, said current trading was being affected by the sluggish conditions in the UK tableware market and the strength of sterling. The company reported a 15.7 per cent rise in pre-tax profits to £3.5 million on sales up 15 per cent to £19.3 million for the six months to March 31. Earnings rose 13 per cent to 7p and the total dividend rises 15 per cent to 1.55p. Mr Way adds he is confident of progress for the year as a whole.

WH Smith in lease deal

WH SMITH, the retail group, has sold and leased back 14 high street shops, raising £55 million. The deal with British Gas pensions trust will be used to reduce group debt and provide finance for investment. The properties will be leased back for a total initial annual rent of £3 million. There will be five-year rent reviews on the 15-year leases. Bill Cockburn, chief executive, said that the move would further strengthen the company's balance sheet. Since January last year, the group has raised more than £235 million from disposals.

Airsprung rises 27%

AIRSPRUNG FURNITURE, the bed, furniture and upholstery manufacturer raised pre-tax profits 27.4 per cent to £6.9 million on sales up from £86.3 million to £88.6 million. Earnings per ordinary share rise 25.2 per cent to 17.4p. The total dividend rises 18.5 per cent to 6.4p. John Pierce, chief executive, said: "I am delighted that this year's strong profit vindicates the strategy to concentrate on our core businesses." The bods division, the main influence on group profits, has expanded current facilities to meet increased demand.

Avesco plans expansion

AVESCO, the supplier of giant outdoor video screens for sports stadiums and concert tours, said it intends to make at least two acquisitions in North America and continental Europe this year in an effort to grow the company by 50 per cent or more. Last year it paid \$1.3 million for a 25 per cent stake in BCC, a US rival. and it now controls roughly 40 per cent of the global market for giant screens. Pre-tax profits in the year to March 31 rose 76 per cent. to £3.15 million, on turnover of £20.8 million, up 20 per cent. A final dividend of 3p makes a 5p total, up 25 per cent.

The GP Group

THE GP GROUP has asked us to make it clear that General Practice Investment Corporation (GPI), a subsidiary that provides development and investment services to health authorities, community trusts and doctors, has no connection with Government Purchasing Index — which is also known as GPI — which was wound up by the High Court on public interest grounds earlier this week after an inquiry by the Department of Trade and industry.

Boots offers pre-Budget payout of £400m

By Sarah Cunningham

BOOTS will pay a special dividend worth £400 million to shareholders next week and has held out the prospect of further payouts in the future.

The swift payment of the special dividend, which is of 44.2p per share and will be paid on June 13, means it cannot be affected by any tax changes in the July 2 Budget.

Lord Blyth, chief executive, said that the method for future payouts could depend on Budget measures. "If ACT is abolished then buybacks will

become attractive again."

Boots carried out two buybacks, in November 1994 for £511 million and in June last for £300 million. It chose to do a special dividend this time because of tax changes introduced last year relating to

Sainsbury's Bank to offer loans

SAINSBURY'S BANK will be offering personal loans from next Monday, in an expansion of the supermarket's financial services division launched in February

The bank, a joint venture with Bank of Scotland, has already attracted £350 million from 225.000 customers to its savings account. Savers receive 5.75 per cent. currently a better-than-average rate, especially for smaller balances.

Loans of up to £4.999 will have an annual percentage rate of 13.7 per cent, while those between £5,000 and £15,000 will be charged at 12.7 per cent - below high street bank rates.

share 'repurchases. Boots's shares fell to a low of 661p on news of the special dividend, but later recovered to 692p, down 22p on the day.

Lord Blyth did not rule out acquisitions, particularly in healthcare, but said they were likely to be small or medium sized. He also said the Boots Advantage loyalty card would be rolled out within the next year. The company reported an

8.7 per cent rise in pre-tax profits in the year to March 31 to £536.2 million before exceptionals. The special dividend will give the company gearing of 10.5 per cent.

It is planning to open about 40 Boots the Chemists and 40 Halfords outlets each year. This will cost an annual £70 million and create 5,000 new jobs by the year 2000.

Lord Blyth said that Do It All, the DIY chain formerly co-owned by WH Smith, lost £6.9 million before exceptionals, but should be cash positive in the current year and go into profit next year. He said it could become a core business if it continued to improve, but he did not rule out selling it.

Plans to open Boots the Chemist stores in Japan have been thrown into doubt because of difficulties finding a partner there. Lord Blyth said alternatives included the Middle East, Brazil, Malaysia and Taiwan. First openings in Thailand and The Netherlands

are due within weeks. Preparing the company's systems for the year 2000 is likely to cost up to £10 million, while preparing for a European single currency could cost up to £20 million.

Boots is paying a final dividend of 14.3p (12.8p), payable on August 22, giving a total for the year of 64.7p (18.5p).

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The Bank of England's Monetary Policy Committee meets. Pictured left to right back are Sir Alan Budd, Ian Plenderleith, Charles Goodhart, Willem Buiter and front Howard Davies, Eddie George and Mervyn King

CU to pay compensation over Pep mortgages

By Marianne Curphey, insurance correspondent

COMMERCIAL UNION has been fined £95,000 and is to pay compensation of £84,000 to customers who were sold high-charging personal equity plan mortgages even though their house sales fell through.

The Pep mortgages had start-up charges that swallowed up to 50 per cent of the first year's premiums, compared with ordinary Pep plans that charge about 5 per cent. The sales took place be-

tween April 1990 and July

EMAP is in talks with a former

executive of its business ser-

vices side, who left abruptly

three months ago, about selling

him 14 magazines for a price

believed to be in excess of £25

Simon Timm, former direct-

or of Emap Finance & Freight.

million (Jason Nissé writes).

1995, after which the Pep, known as the Taxsave Homemaker Personal Equity Plan, was discontinued. The customers had been sold the Taxsave Homemaker Pep while trying to buy a home. but when the sale fell through they continued with it, even though it was an unsuitable investment because it was

directly linked to a mortgage. Ninety-four customers will receive an average £894 each. either in the form of returned

is trying to finalise finance to buy the 14 titles, including

Press Gazette, Media Week

and Meat Trades Journal.

The magazines have a total

turnover of £15 million but are

not believed to make much

profit. Mr Timm is working

on the deal from a central

premiums plus interest, or cash and units in another Pep. Imro, the Investment Management Regulatory Organisation, imposed the fine on Commercial Union Trustees Ltd (CUTL), a fund management company owned by CU.

Gordon Harpin, director of CUTL said he regretted the mistake, but added that some of the sales staff involved had left the company. Those who remained would not be disciplined or retrained, he said.

Emap in talks to sell magazines London office owned by Emap. Robin Miller, managing director, confirmed the talks and said he hoped to

complete a deal soon.

Venture capitalists have been approached to back the transaction but none is believed to have signed up.

NEW construction orders declined in the three months to the end of April with the private housing and infra-structure sectors particularly hard hit according to data published yesterday.

Construction

orders show

2% decline

By Alasdair Murray

Orders declined by 2 per cent overall in the three months to April 30, but were 8 per cent ahead of the same period last year. The Department of the Environment said that orders improved "sharply" in April. with industrial and private commercial sectors enjoying their highest

levels of new orders for a year. Private housing orders de-clined by 23 per cent in the three months to the end of April and were only 3 per cent above the levels recorded in the same period last year. Infrastructure orders declined by a quarter.

But public non-housing orders, private commercial and industrial orders all showed strong growth.

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Harman plans pension split at divorce



THE Government announced yesterday that it plans to introduce a new law allowing divorcing couples to split their pensions at the point of divorce.

The new Act, which is expected to be brought in by 2000, was announced by Harriet Harman, the Social Security Secretary, who is also the Minister for Women. She said: "I will introduce pension-sharing for divorcing couples. This is an important step towards meeting the Government's objectives of improving the income of women in retirement." She added that pensionsolitting at divorce would prevent many retired women from facing poverty.

Ms Harman said that 70 per cent of the two million people aged above 60 who are By Caroline Merrell

the current session with a view to meeting the April 2000 target for introduction of the new law. The Government plans to consult with the pensions industry, family lawyers and others who have been campaigning for this change.

At present, the courts cannot divide pension rights between divorcing couples. They have the power to offset pensions against other assets such as property, or they can earmark pensions so that maintenance can be paid when the scheme member retires. The new legislation could affect the 150,000 couples who divorce each year. Ms Harman pointed out that, according to 1991 figures, only 3.9 million women belonged to an occupational pension scheme compared with 6.8 million men. The money women earn from occupational schemes is also less

than men - £22 a week compared with £07. Although the Secretary of State hailed the announcement as a move that would benefit women in the main, the measures could also benefit divorced men whose wives are the principal earners.

Saillie Quin, head of Fairshares, an organisation that has been campaigning for divorced women, said: "We welcome the move from the Labour Government

but we will have to look at the detail." The Act will aim to tackle some of the problems of the pensions "earmarking" arrangements introduced by the Conservative Government two years ago. Under these arrangements, payments to an estranged wife will dry up if the former husband dies. If the former wife remarries she will also lose her pension



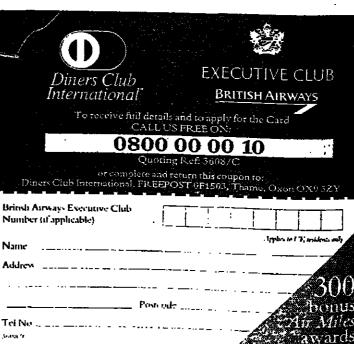
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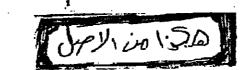
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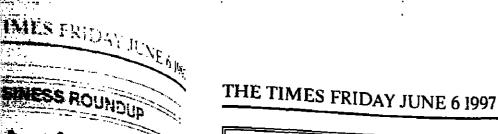
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simple souls had always assumed comes from yet another think tank, the Action Centre for Europe. As with so many worthy organisations, the chairman of ACE is the ubiquitous Lord Sheppard of Didgemere, a man who appears terminally addicted the market to committees. Yet the thoughts of this particular tank may carry more weight than most since one highly involved member was David Simon, the former BP chairman who has been cata-pulted into the House of Lords

and a new job in Government.
The few rubs of the eraser have removed Lord Simon's name from prominence in the report but that diplomatic gesture does not lessen his contribution, nor its importance. As the new Minister for Trade and Competitiveness in Europe, he is actually in a position to turn the ACÉ

While the increasingly farcical debate over a single currency has waged, attention has wandered from the single market ideal that was at the root of most businessmen's enthusiasm for Europe. Five years ago, the talk was all of barriers being brought tumbling down: today, many of those barriers are still standing. Exporters to Europe still find their efforts hampered by regulatory road blocks, while dif-

Simon service could deliver ace

cause havoc in certain sectors. Chancellor Gordon Brown,

realising that the EMU issue is degenerating into chaos, has already tried to focus attention back on the concept of a single market: perhaps he has been on the receiving end of a gentle nudging from his new ministerial colleague. But bringing down barriers requires more than a slug with a sledge-hammer. As the ACE report so delicately puts it: "We should not forget that belief in free trade and open markets is by no means universal, and in some European countries the cultural tradition leans towards state intervention and protection."

In other words, the French remain of the view that their companies take priority in any given situation. When George Simpson ventured to suggest that GEC might bid for Thomson

he was just having fun. But there have already been benefits to Britain from the loosening of trade barriers, hence the increasing proportion of our exports which stay within Europe. Much more could be achieved. ACE calls for a reexamination of proposals for a latory road blocks, while dif-ferent product specifications can though it wants to preserve the



diversity of company formats in Europe, not straight jacket UK companies into the two-tier boards beloved of Germany.

Rightly, the businessmen be-hind ACE want to be left to run their companies in the way they think best while enjoying the benefits of a free trade area. A single currency need not complicate the equation. Lord Simon will be doing well if he can persuade the Government to concentrate on achieving that.

Blyth spirit at work in Boots

oots is at its best when not B trying to be exciting. Shareholders have every reason to appreciate chief executive Lord Blyth's tacit admission that the company is not about to embark on any major adventures for the time being and that it therefore makes sense to pay a £400 million special

dividend to the people who own the business.

Slipping in the payment ahead of the July Budget must count as a pretty slick move, too. Although the objection in principal to retrospective taxation is being brushed aside to accommodate the windfall tax on utilities, payouts to shareholders are unlikely to be clobbered in similarly retrospective fashion.

The payout enhances Boots's performance, which now ranks it fourth in the league for returns to shareholders: since April last year it has returned £900 million to investors.

At the same time, the business itself has continued to grow. The company which this week announced an environmentally conscious plan to hand out free bicycles to those of its staff prepared to give up their car parking spaces at work, is more in tune with the mood of the market place than its long established name may suggest.

Boots the Chemist has spruced up its stores and happily whipped the best ideas from Anita Roddick and anyone else who knows about selling cosmetics and toiletries. And while it still feels it has plenty of scope to grow in the UK, it is also not giving up on the international market. The Netherlands and

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legacy.
When gradually building on that legacy, Boots is at its best. It is when it experiences the occasional wish to splash out in new directions that trouble can occur: Childrens World and Do It All

Thailand are about to become beneficiaries of Jesse Boots's

were just such aberrations. Storehouse is now struggling to make the Childrens World format a success but Boots has persisted doggedly with Do It All and even that now seems to be coming right. Its partner in what was a joint venture, WH Smith, decided to back out, and paid Boots to take the problem away.

Now, with the business heading towards profit, it is clear that Boots had the better of the deal. Lord Blyth reasoned that an

upturn in the DIY market must come eventually, and so it has. Which means that he will relish all the more the next cheque for £10 million due to reach him soon from the rather less smug chaps at WH Smith.

City should feel chill windfall

S ir Bob Horton approaches battles with relish. His style may not have endeared him to all his former colleagues at BP, who found the smooth Lord Simon more to their taste, but in the United States he went down a wow, even with the unions, which could appreciate his punchiness. So there was little likelihood that he would be making any concessions to the sensibilities of the Government yesterday when he unveiled the Railtrack profits and accompanying bonus for staff.

As far as he is concerned, the Railtrack performance is laudable, with investment running way ahead of anything for which the regulator might have been hoping. The stock market loved it, with the shares soaring ahead to levels destined to incense the meanies who do not like to see investors enjoying such easy pickings.

Those investors may be benefiting from Sir Bob's efforts. coupled with obliging weather conditions, which apparently boosted profitability. They are also, undoubtedly, reaping the rewards of Railtrack being sold too cheaply by a Government that was fearful that it would be hard to give away shares in a railway company that does not own trains. Only time has demonstrated quite how severely under-priced so many privatisations were. The error is the essence of the Government's planned windfall tax. Perhaps the City advisers who reaped rich rewards from floating the businesses at giveaway prices should be called on for a contribution.

Captain's innings

LORD MACLAURIN will put in his final appearance as chairman of Tesco today, and should hear some handsome plaudits. He has transformed the business and bows out leaving the competition looking sorely beaten. Already, it seems, he has set about achieving similar results with English cricket. The secret, he says, is all about man-management. Which means that cricket, with 11 members to the team, should be a doddle after Tesco.

Mowlem pays £4.5m for float

By Paul Durman

JOHN MOWLEM'S stock SGB repays its debt to its market flotation of a minority parent. SGB will fund this stake in SGB, the construction group's scaffolding business. has cost £4.5 million in advisers' fees - more than 8 per cent of the £55.1 million being

Stephen Yapp. SGB's finance director, said the high level of expenses reflected the scaffolding group's complexity and its numerous overseas subsidiaries. He said lawyers and accountants also had to do a lot of work checking SGB's agreements with Mowlem, which is retaining a 51 per cent stake.

After expenses, Mowlem will receive £18.9 million from the shares it is selling in placing. SGB's shares were priced at 150p each, valuing the company at £112.5 million. Mowlem will receive a fur-

ther £70 million or so when million Eurobond

payment with the £31.7 million it will receive from the share placing, and £40 million of

Bob Stokell. SGB's chief executive, said the placing was 30 per cent oversubscribed by institutional investors, and suggested this should encourage a lively market debut for the company when dealings begin on June 25. Mr Stokell and his fellow directors have invested about £250,000 in the placing shares.

Giving SGB greater independence is intended to help to improve its performance. SGB, which employs 4,000 people in 20 countries, made a pre-tax profit of £13.9 million. Mowlem intends to use the receipts from the transaction to redeem its expensive £50

PAULO SCARONI, the new chief executive of Pilkington, is reviewing whether the glass manufacturer should persevere with the 220 doubleglazing firms, cutting shops

> ations it owns in Europe. Mr Scaroni fears many of the downstream companies, often local companies, are too small to be managed effectively. He also doubts whether Pilkington should own such businesses, which are often competing with customers of the group's main float glass

and other "downstream" oper-

The downstream review, which is expected to take six months. looks likely to over- year or so."

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Pilkington reviews future of troubled **European offshoots**

By PAUL DURMAN

turn the strategy pursued under Roger Leverton, who was replaced as chief executive two weeks ago. Mr Leverton believed the downstream businesses should dampen the peaks and troughs of the righly cyclical glass industry. Weak prices in Europe were the main reason for a slump in Pilkington's underlying pretax profits last year, from £212

million to EI32 million. However, the company's problems were exacerbated rather than diminished by its downstream operations, many of which lost money. Mr Scaroni said: "Most of them have been in trouble in the last

Although Pilkington had issued a profits warning, the results prompted analysts to cut this year's profit forecasts by about £20 million, to £120 million-£125 million. The company's shares slipped another 7p to 117p, far from their 2072p autumn peak. Weak glass prices in Europe caused operating profits in the building products division to halve, from £161 million to £80 million — UK prices fell by 8 per cent, while German prices fell by 20 per cent.

The automotive division performed better, increasing its profits from £68 million to £91 million. However, the £40 million cost of the previously announced restructuring of European automotive glass business was the main contributor to a E55 million exceptional charge that cut pre-tax profits to £77 million. Group sales were 3 per cent higher at £2.9 billion. Automotive sales rose by 12 per cent to

Pilkington intends to pay a final dividend of 3.25p on August 15, maintaining the total payout at 5p a share.

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Christopher Sporborg said the results were very encouraging

Hambro Insurance looks for growth

By MARIANNE CURPHEY INSURANCE CORRESPONDENT

HINTS that Hambro Insurance Services (HIS) might raise its dividend for the first time in three years failed to lift the company's share price yesterday. It ended 2p down at 802p. The shares have found little favour with the City recently.

However, Nicholas Page managing director, said he expected the company to show future growth. "Our long-term aim is dividend cover of two times and we hope to be reviewing the dividend favourably," he said.

HIS reported pre-tax profit for the year to March 31 of £10.9 million, down slightly from the previous year's figure of £11 million. Earnings per share were 9.4p. down from 10p, and the dividend was held at 5.55p.

Mr Page said the pre-tax profit figure for 1996-97 had been adversely affected by the strength of sterling. Christopher Sporborg, chairman, said the results were "very encouraging given the much lower impact of exceptional

weather related claims". HIS is to create 130 new jobs at its claims handling unit, Cunningham Select, following an agreement Royal & SunAlliance.

Benchmark seeks £119m to buy

properties

BENCHMARK, the central London property specialist, is raising £119 million in a rights issue to finance the purchase of a portfolio from Friends Provident for £82 million, and to acquire Wool House, near Pall Mall, from Chelsfield for £38 million.

The one-for-one share issue at 200p per share, combined with the property purchases, will leave Benchmark with pro forma net assets of £232 million and a net asset value per share of 193p. The Friends Provident pur-

chase is the second Benchmark has struck with the insurer. Last October it spent £113 million buying properties from Friends Provident. The share issue is being supported by the insurer, which owns 35 per cent of Benchmark, and the Hong Leong Group Ma-laysia, which has 34 per cent. Benchmark will spend a further £43 million redeveloping Wool House, which is being acquired on an 89-year lease to the Crown Estate. Nigel Kempner, joint managing director of Benchmark. expects the completed value of Wool House to be about £95 million on the basis of rental income at £50-£55 per sqft. Benchmark will seek to secure an extension of the Crown Estate lease to 125 years and develop 98,000 sq ft of offices and 14,000 sq ft of

residential accommodation. The Friends Provident portfolio comprises 11 properties in the City and West End of London, with total rental income of £6 million, an initial yield of 7.4 per cent.

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BAe shares lift off with new Eurofighter hopes

BRITISH AEROSPACE appears to be back in favour with City investors. The price climbed 21p to £12.7312 amid growing relief that the European fighter project will not only be saved, but may even go ahead on time.

This follows talks between the various governments involved in the project, including Germany, which had been threatening to withhold funding as part of its cost-cutting measures designed to meet the single currency criteria.

Two big securities firms are now singing the group's praises, including Dresdner Kleinwort Benson, the company's own broker. It has raised its profit forecast for the current year from £550 million to £575 million and for next time round by £25 million to £665 million.

NatWest Securities also reckons BAe looks attractive and believes there is still plenty to go for. It has raised its target prices as part of a major review to £15.92. Almost 1.5 million shares had changed hands by the close.

Relief at a successful conclusion to the Eurofighter project also lifted Smiths Industries Ti2p to 77012p, and Rolls-Royce 512p to 24312p.

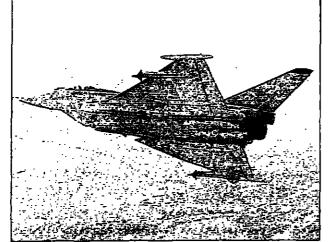
A healthy opening rise for the Dow Jones industrial average on Wall Street last night enabled London to reverse earlier falls and end the day on a high note.

The FT-SE 100 index wiped out a 22.2 deficit to end the session near its best of the day with a rise of 19.1 points at 4.576.2. A total of 850 million shares changed hands.

Lasmo was the best per former among the top 100 companies, rising 11p to 259p after winning the bid for the Dacion Area in Venezuela's third-round operating agreement. Lasmo is ploughing \$435 million (E266 million) into the project.

BT stood out with a rise of 7p to at 45312p after securing backing for a \$10 billion syndicated credit facility for Concert, which will be formed once the merger with MCI goes through. The facility has been arranged by a clutch of banks, including Bank of America, Citibank and JP

Morgan Securities. Hopes that the proposed link-up with American Airlines may soon go through, helped British Airways to a 20p rise at 71512p. This follows recommendations made in a



Eurofighter's revival saw brokers backing BAe, up 21p

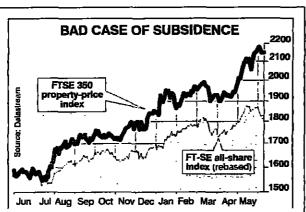
US congressional report that other American carriers are allotted an extra 23 slots over Heathrow each day.

The Square Mile is about to contract even further with news of a bid approach for Cater Allen, the discount house. The shares shot up 121p, to 56212p, giving the group a price tag of £183 million. The City has experienced a spate of mergers and

takeovers. Leopold Joseph surged 3214p to 55212p.

The £400 million cash handout that accompanied Boots full-year figures left the price 212p easier at 692p in exdividend form, after briefly touching 60lp. The special dividend of 44.2p a share is in addition to the 14.3p ordinary dividend being paid.

The bester than expected profits news from Railtrack



PROPERTY shares suffered early losses on reports that the Chancellor is preparing to double stamp duty on commercial property transactions. Currently, stamp duty is I per cent. payable by the purchaser on the full capital value. Some say he may even choose to raise it to 5 or 6 per cent, matching similar rates on the Continent It is seen as an effective way of raising capital.

Georgina Browning. property analyst at NatWest Securities, warns the market that such a move would be negative but is quick to urge clients not to jump to conclusions. She said: "Its purely a rumour at present. There is still nothing to go with it. But the property sector is a rising market and you need to ask yourself if you want to be out of a rising market

for any length of time.". Most prices managed to close above their low points of the day although there were still losses for Brixton Estates, 42p to 2172p, Land Securities, 6p to 86912p, Freeport Leisure, 42p to 172p. Estates & General. 2p to 6212p. and Capital Shopping. 25p to 4035p.

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1212p at 658p. But the size of the numbers drew criticism believe the company should step up its investment. Pilkington fell 7p to 117p.

with brokers poised to downgrade in the wake of its profits

TLS continued to respond to this week's news of a bid approach with a rise 10p at 135p. Bid speculation also continued to drive Shield Di agnostics sharply higher. The price touched 575p before ending the session 65p higher at 12p, a rise over three days

John Mowlem was steady at 13212p after floating a 49 per cent stake in SGB, its scaffolding arm, which it bought for £ló0 million in 1986. The placing was 30 per cent oversubscribed and has raised a total of £55.1 million. Mowlem wants the cash to redeem £50

million worth of Eurobonds. Denby Group has become the latest victim of sterling's current strength against its major rivals, with the shares falling 25p to 22212p.

A profits warning left Cassidy Brothers 9p lower at 48p. The toy and nursery goods group says trading conditions have proved more difficult than envisaged.

The abrupt resignation of Bob Williams as chief executive and a director of the company left DCS Group 2912p down at 275p. Robin Arrowsmith has been appointed chief operating officer and Robin Lodge, chairman.

Shares of Dunloe House were suspended at 3212p pending publication of a circular on an Irish acquisition. ☐ GILT-EDGED: Prices ral-

lied from a cautious start with the help of the lowest rise in the CBI Distributive Trades Survey since October 1995. But prices were unable to hold their best levels and closed virtually unchanged.

In futures the September series of the long gilt closed a tick firmer at £1131332 as the number of contracts completed reached 40,000. Treasury 8 per cent 2105 was

a tick off at E108316, while Treasury 8 per cent 2000 was a tick easier at £103332. □ NEW YORK: Blue chips rose more than 50 points, partly supported by a rebound in big technology stocks. By trial average was ahead 66.10 points at 7,335.76.

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On the right lines

RAILTRACK is still a raging buy and it is not simply because the rail regulator made a fool of himself yesterday. Apparently surprised by the size of Railtrack's profits (curious, given that they were in line with expectations), he intends an early review of the performance regime. Ofrail can review until the cows come home but Mr Swift has no power to change a regulatory regime set in law until 2001.

Yesterday's public relations blitz contained some frighteners from a Government that still behaves like an enraged Opposition party. The Secretary of State for Transport suggests that Railtrack be forced to invest (by Act of Parliament?) and a hint from Ofrail (could its staff be keen for jobs in Labour's new megaregulator?) that it might be prepared to interfere in private contracts between Railtrack and the train operators.

Railtrack is investing heavily — the accrued underspending of £Z70 million is almost entirely because of cash restrictions imposed when Railtrack was in hock to the Treasury. Railtrack is also delivering outputs — the real measure of investment — and has sharply improved performance on delays.

If the Government is committed to weaning Britain off the roads, it needs a financially sound Railtrack and the company does have a weapon; Railtrack is undergeared and its payout ratio is absurdly low for a utility earnings are 2.6 times the dividend. If Mr Prescott decides to fleece the company, Railtrack can gear up and pay back mountains of cash to investors. A financially weak Railtrack will be less able to front a £16 billion investment programme and the Treasury has no cash to fill the gap.

Pilkington

PILKINGTON has stopped blaming the market for its troubles, the only encouraging note in a horrible set of figures. Paulo Scaroni, Pilks' new broom, takes the entirely sensible view that the market determines the price of glass and there is not much the company can do about it.

But such fatalism inevitably leads to more restructuring. Pilkington can scarcely be accused of ignoring its

cost base. Without last year's costcutting, operating profits could have fallen as low as £30 million, instead of the

reported £152 million. Mr Scaroni has turned his attention to the slew of small double-glazing and other 'downstream' operations that it owns across Europe. Under Roger Leverton, his

predecessor, the downstream operations were supposed to dampen the peaks and troughs of the glass cycle. Fine in theory, but they lost money last year, just as the glass price collapsed. Mr Scaroni suspects most of them only add to Pilkington's problems, taking up management time and de-

the all-important issue of improving the efficiency of its float glass manufacturing nneration.

However, Pilkington's understanding of the down-stream problem seems far from complete. While it gropes its way towards a solution, it is difficult to see much upside in the share



Lasmo

VENEZUELA is not the cheapest place for an oil company to do business but the sheer scale of Lasmo's investment in the Dacion area is exciting enough. In total, taking into account development expenditure of some \$700 million over five years. Lasmo will be investing \$1.2 billion into a 2.2 billion barrel oilfield with a production target of 90,000 barrels a day, roughly half Lasmo's 1006 average daily production over its entire

worldwide nortfolio The costs are not high assuming Lasmo reaches its 40 per cent recovery target it should be able to produce 500 million barrels from Dacion. suggesting that Lasmo has paid about \$2.50 for each barrel. However, the City expects the return on investment to be good, if unexciting, at about 15-20 per cent after the Venezuelan Govern-

Lasmo's success in obtaining 100 per cent control of a huge field in one of the world's premier oil provinces. After the Gulf states and the Caspian Sea, Venezuela has the largest known reserves, in the order of 60-70 billion barrels of oil. Lasmo's position gives it exploration prospects which have not been discounted in yesterday's 12p share price rise.

The irony is that pioneering and expensive wildcat exploration West of Shetlands is hardly necessary to satisfy demand for oil given the huge resources in countries such as Iraq, Saudi Arabia and Venezuela. Given the political climate to develop those resources, the North Sea oil industry would be in sharp decline and Lasmo's deal puts the company in good position to exploit such an eventuality. Pile in.

THE venture capitalists of 3i are opening several offices in Germany to try to wean German business folk off bank capital. The investment will do little to alter its overwhelmingly UK-weighted portfolio but 3i should receive a warm welcome.

Yesterday's safe and solid results showed the institution has the right stuff to break down the caution that impedes the development of the German equity market. The net asset value was a little below expectations but respectable in a dull sector. There is also a whiff of social worthiness about the way 3i sticks by start-ups that could appeal to German hair-shirtists, although returns of up to 11 times the original investment do not imply self-sacrifice.

The expensive equity mar ket is putting upward pressure on buyout prices but competition from other funds because of the latter's focus on smaller firms. Still, it would be unwise to chase the shares.

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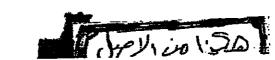
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BUSINESS **LETTERS**

Some borrowers rely on Miras

From Mr K. Armitage Sir. During the 1980s people were encouraged to purchase property, and the mortgage interest relief at source (Miras) scheme. then at 30 per cent on the first £30,000, was used as an incentive.

Now the loD, in its submission to the Chancellor for his planned Budget, is recommending that the Miras scheme, now standing at 15 per cent on the first £30,000, be scrapped ("IoD calls for mortgage tax relief to be scrapped. May 27). rather than increase income taxation. The IoD speaks for the captains of industry. but who speaks for the average householder who might rely on Miras to make ends meer?

Nonetheless, the Chancellor might accept such a proposal but he should only do so, if firstly, the building societies agree to charge infcrest on loans on a monthly rather than an annual basis, and, secondly, mortgages can be paid off without financial penalty. Yours faithfully

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EMATTERED HOPES

KENNETH ARMITAGE. 6 Deben Valley Drive,

No returns from the Revenue

From Mr John Whittaker Sir. Tax returns full of mistakes (May 29). It should hardly be a sur-prise to the Inland Revenue it failed to supply a copy return for the taxpayers' own retention and to serve as a worksheet - a common practice in Europe.

Incorrect or not, I can't begin to think of the probable state in which some returns will be submitted. And what's more, my

attempts to obtain a second return from the local tax office and the Inland Revenue's central order group have proved fruitless.

The former had none and did not expect to provide them, and the latter failed to respond to my request. I don't feel inclined to make a photocopy, as suggested by a tax

official. could save themselves much aggro now by placing a stock of blanks at reception for taxpayer collection.

Yours faithfully. JOHN M. WHITTAKER, 25 St Ives Gardens, Bournemouth.

Starting date is all in currency debate

From Mr E. Cox Sir, S. W. de Looze (Business Letters, May 23) is right enough to denounce the over-readiness of some companies to blame their inability to sustain profitability on the value of sterling. "Germany and Japan", he notes, "have lived for 50 years or so with a constantly

appreciating currency." Well, yes, but so much depends on your starting date. If he chose 60 years not 50, the yen was 16 to the pound and four to the dollar. Today it is worth just a few per cent of that, which is real depreciation. Yours faithfully. EDWIN COX.

76 Ommaney Road, SE14.





ANATOLE KALETSKY

Operation Rhinegold and French vote unsettle EMU

If you want to watch history

in the making,

keep your eyes on EMU

f the manager of your local Marks & Spencer is caught with his hand in the till, he does not normally expect to keep his job, even if he does apologise and gives the money back.

Why then is everyone so confident about the future of Helmut Kohl, now that the Bundesbank has caught him red-handed in an attempted gold heist?

Why, in particular, are financial markets now apparently more confident than ever that Kohl will succeed in foisting economic and monetary union on to a hostile German public and even extend the common currency to such financial untouchables as

Logic would suggest that Kohl's political power and the credibility of EMU should have been greatly weakened both by his failed fraud in Germany and by the election in France. Yet investors sold francs and lire and European shares and bonds for only a few hours after the French results were announced.

By Monday afternoon the markets had completely changed course and seemed to be betting more heavily than ever that EMU would proceed on schedule and with Italy in the founding group.
The conventional explana-

tion for the market's confidence was well put in Monday's Financial Times: The political will behind EMU is so strong that, however convincing the practical arguments against it, nothing seems capable of derailing the project." From this point of view the fraudulence of Kohl's Operation Rhinegold could actually be taken as good news. It proved that Kohl would stop at nothing to achieve EMU. It also implicitly endorsed the trickery used by Italy to try to join the club. In this upside-down world, the French election was also seen as good news for EMU. President Chirac had called this election specifically to win a mandate for the measures required to qualify for EMU.

He had spectacularly lost. But why worry? The socialist victory meant that EMU could now go ahead without any further belt-tightening. If the German public or the Bundesbank objected, Kohl would just tell them to get lost. Better still, Lionel Jospin, had insisted that Italy must be a founder member. Again, the Germans might not like this. but Kohl would simply make them do as they're told.

According to this Panglossian reasoning, the recent events, far from endangering EMU, have made the single currency more certain than ever. Furthermore, the outcome of the process is no



Jacques Chirac, left, and Helmut Kohl have gambled on the political will behind EMU

longer going to be the Franco-German Camembert currency I have often described on these pages - hard on the outside but soft on the inside and getting softer all the time. The euro will now be more like an oozing. creamy Dolcelatte Torta — riddled in its very essence with green veins of corruption, but all the more delicious for that.

For those (like myself) who prefer the sensual joie de vivre of the Mediterraneans to the self-righteousness of the modern Teutons, this is an entrancing prospect for Europe. But something about it does not

seem quite right. Do investors really believe that a "broad-soft EMU", embracing Italy and probably even Greece in a few years' time is now 60 or 70 per cent probable, as the commonly cited measures of market expectations seem to suggest? Is the probability of a total breakdown really as near to zero as it was before Chirac and Kohl made their historic blunders?

In my view, for what it is worth, Operation Rhinegold and the French election have exactly the opposite implications: They have increased the likelihood of EMU being seriously delayed or completely abandoned from perhaps 10 per cent to something like 50 per cent. Correspondingly, the probability of a "core" EMU, on broadly the Maastricht terms in 1999, has fallen from some 80 per cent to, say, 40 per cent. And the chance that Italy will be a founder member in a broad Dolcelatte EMU has

art of my reasoning was explained on this page last week. The attempted Bundesbank gold heist has discredit-ed Kohl even among his own supporters. It has given the German public a respectable non-nationalistic reason for opposing the abolition of the mark. And it has presented the opposition with a potentially

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negligible 5 per cent.

popular issue. Coming on top of the leftwing political tide that is sweeping Europe, Operation Rhinegold has suddenly transformed the theoretical speculation that Kohl might be swept out of office next year into practical politics. And if defeat does start to look likely. Kohl may quickly lose his air of omnipotence. His legendary control of the German political process is built, above all, on electoral success. In other words, Kohl could become a

Under these circumstances I would not put my money on "the political will behind EMU-. In Germany this political will reposes entirely in one aging man, who may be heading for political oblivion. In France, the "political will" hypothesis was tested by

lame duck.

President Chirac and thoroughly refuted. As for Italy, the last thing Chancellor Kohl will want to do now that he has been caught cheating will be to undermine the credibility of EMU even further by letting Italy in. Why, then, have the mar-

kets remained so calm in the past few days? I can suggest four possible explanations. First, my analysis may be

the markets may be wrong the majority of investors may not understand the new reality and are therefore sticking to a familiar trend until the momentum turns. Intriguingly, this was the view put forward in a commentary in Wednesday's Le Monde: "Certain experts judge that the optimism of investors may rest on

misunderstanding: in London, New York, Tokyo and Frankfurt, but also in Paris. market participants are persuaded that the Socialists will not implement their economic project and will return to the orthodoxy of Pierre Beregovoy. This assumption. according to the paper, will probably be proved wrong.

Thirdly, the present calm may be a technical aberration. The markets turned very suddenly on Monday at just the time when the German Government was making its deci-sion to surrender to the Bundesbank. Perhaps the French and Italian authorities got wind of this good news and saw the chance to launch a massive defence of their currencies and bonds. After being so badly beaten, the anti-EMÜ speculators may not find the courage for another assault until they see more bad news.

Finally, it is possible that investors actually agree with the sceptical analysis - about Kohl's waning power, the crumbling consensus in France and the growing chance of a delay - yet are doing nothing.
How could this be? Perhaps

investors simply do not know how to profit from the possible collapse of EMU - or if they do think they know, their ideas may cancel each other out.

onsider, for example what delaying EMU would do to the mark. Some analysts argue that the mark would immediately rise against the dollar and sterling, as well as against the lira and franc. But ers suggest that if France and Italy gained a competitive edge by breaking the currency link, Germany would have to compensate by cutting interest rates and devaluing the mark against the dollar, yen and

For shares and bonds, EMU setbacks are equally ambiguous. Italian and French equities might suffer from a collapse of confidence, but they would gain (as Britain's did after White Wednesday) from more competitive exchange rates, easier monetary and fiscal policies and higher

economic growth. Even Italian bonds, which I firmly believe to be the most vulnerable of all European assets, could arguably gain if lower short-term interest rates followed abandonment of the

mark-lira link. This would not be the first time that an event of vast historical importance was met with a shrug by financial markets — consider, for exam-ple, the end of the Cold War. In sum, if you want to watch history in the making, keep your eyes on EMU. But if you want to speculate for big profits, maybe you should try the Czech koruna or the Thai

1952 Budget, that is. David Cruick-shank, head of tax at Deloitte & Touche in London, has been searching the archives for the first ever windfall tax, and his research has come up with Rab Butler in 1952. "A hopeful Budget," said The Times of the day. 1 dimly remember some measure during the war years limiting manufacturers to their earlier levels of profit. but perhaps this does not amount to a

windfall tax. Deloitte are wondering

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MARTIN WALLER



Rab Butler introduced possibly the first 'windfall tax' in 1952"

Camelot's luck runs out as censure sets in

Jon Ashworth on how a British success

story has been tarnished by rotten PR

ess than three years into the marriage.

Camelot is heading for the divorce courts. The wedding was a spectacular affair, with fireworks over the Thames, and star-studded parties, but the euphoria proved short lived. Today, Camelot's senior executives are expected to tender their resignations, boxed into a corner by Westminster ultimatums. How did it all go so

badly wrong? Public relations, in short. On paper, Camelot has done an exceptional job. The lottery was assembled in record time, the British public caught the fever, and the whole aim of the exercise raising the most for good causes - has been more than accomplished. In just 31 months £5 billion has been raised for the Government and good causes — about £1 billion ahead of forecasts. This is a great British success story.

But people have short memories. The fabric of the lottery has become as routine as delivering the milk, or collecting the mail. The

technical complexities gotten. One is left with the image of a group of wellheeled executives cashingin on a good thing. Hence, the events of the past ten

The debate is worth putting into perspective.

When the lottery came up for consideration in 1992, the Government made the conscious decision to run with a private operator. The money would come from private enterprise, not from the taxpayer. State-run lotteries do not hand out huge bonuses. and do not make profits, but who puts up the money in went to competitive tender. and Camelot was deemed the most suitable candidate; a view endorsed independently by the National Audit Office. Performance-related pay was never an issue.

Mistakes have been made. Peter Davis, the lottery regulator, should have handed on to a successor once he had vetted the eight lottery candidates. This is common practice overseas, and would have avoided the subsequent accusations — fuelled by an orchestrated "dirty tricks" campaign — that he was somehow in Camelor's pocket. Mr Davis did not resign. and has been in an untenable situation ever since.

Then there is the question of image. Tim Holley and his colleagues have a wealth of business experience, but they have not come across well in the fat cat" row, Their insistence on sticking to the facts - that Britain has the world's most efficient lottery. that the rewards reflect the risks of the project - has made them appear insensitive. It is this apparent lack of contrition that so enraged Chris Smith, the Heritage

Secretary, and prompted fo-day's showdown. Bad publicity on this scale will obviously affect ticket sales, but Camelot faces even more pressing problems. It is challenging the legality of 40s, a rival numbers game set up by William Hill and Ladbroke, which is expected to generate sales of £250 million a year. The issue of

whether it is legal has never been tested in

The bookmakers are also lobbying for the introduction of side-betting. in which punters can take secondary bets on lottery. Based on research in Ireland, which allows the practice. lot-

Star-crossed sign?

tery sales could fall by 15 to 20 per cent, depriving government and good causes of up to £500 million a year.

Finally, there is Keno, a form of electronic bingo, which is often bigger than either Instants or the online lottery game, but is always run by the government-appointed operator. Lord Mancroft, the Tory peer who ran the success Day scratchcards, wants to launch Keno in pubs, clubs and airport lounges, potentially diverting further huge

Camelot's point is that bonuses for directors, paid out of its own pocket, are not the issue. Without action, it has little hope of achieving its target of raising £9 billion for good causes over seven years, whatever its successes so far. Who would be the losers then?

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yet another run on the shares) has found a new home. As predicted, she is heading back to the City. She is taking up a post at Morgan Stanley, her previous employer as it happens, which is beefing up its research base in London - an analyst covering the financials sector is still needed, I hear. Ramshaw is going back to the UK retail slot. Ramshaw left Morgan Stanley in



"No. it's not leaves this time. it's money on the line"

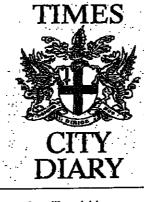
was at Morgan Stanley for six years before that. Everyone at Laura Ashley has denied any sort of row with Ann Iverson, chief executive, so one ought, I suppose, to believe them. Although personally I don't.

 NOT a lot of people know this, but the euro is also a sort of reddish kangaroo. True. The BBC's Newsnight had the notion, when the single European currency was first created, of illustrating the story with film clips of the animal. The idea had to be scrapped, though. Not only are the beasts on the point of extinction, they are also far too inactive. They just sit there. I have this on very good authority, although I am not sure if I believe it either. But there must be a moral somewhere.

Jolly Roger

MICHAEL HARDERN, would-be nemesis of the Nationwide, has a fondness for the symbolic gesture. He launched his election campaign yesterday from a replica of the Golden Hind, the ship in which Sir Fran-

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cis Drake pillaged his way around the world. And did the merry band of carpetbaggers live up to their ruthless predecessors? Slow motion cancans down the gangplank for the benefit of photographers were none too convincing. Fighting his way through crocodiles of schoolchildren. Hardern was unable to explain how two of his fellow rebels got lost on the way to the event. Hardly a good omen for trans-global piracy. Equally symbolically, the Golden Hind is in a closed dock. Going nowhere.

● THERE must be a joke here about sky pilots, although I am far too God-fearing to make it. lan Woodward, former public relations the Budget, I can exclusively reveal,

Aerospace, has just been ordained as a vicar. He is one of the first wave of non-paid civilian clerics now being created by the Church — what you might call barefoot vicars. I suppose, although the authorities prefer the phrase non-stipendiary. He continues at BAe as a part-time consultant but is likely to spend an increasing amount of time on his pastoral duties, as part of a team of vicars running a total of six parishes. Union discount

director for civil aircraft at British

IN A novel twist on the old beer and

sandwiches routine, the staff association at the NatWest has been handing out designer lagers at a City bar all this week. The final meeting, to drum up support at NatWest Markets and NatWest Stockbrokers, is tonight at the Café Sport Bar on Mansell Street. Rory Murphy, general secretary of the association, says NatWest is fairly well disposed towards him, but Martin Owen, chief executive at NatWest Markets. has refused all meetings. He has no idea why. I wonder if it is connected with his demand at the recent annual meeting for Owen to stand down over a certain missing £90 million?

Tax inquiry

THE windfall tax on excess profits in

BUSINESS ROUNDUP

Lasmo bids \$453m

to operate Dacion

LASMO, the UK oil and gas company, bid \$453 million for the contract to operate Venezuela's Dacion oilfield, Petroleos de Venezuela (PDVSA), the state oil company, said yesterday. Eleven other consortiums or companies bid for the field, on the fourth day of Venezuela's third round of operating licences auction. Total bids reached \$1.5 billion in the first three days. I asmo's hid heat by \$51 million should be set three days.

in the first three days. Lasmo's bid beat by \$51 million the second highest offer by Argentina's Perez Compane and

Canada's Norcen Energy Resources.

The field, discovered in eastern Venezuela in 1944.

pumps 13,500 barrels per day, the greatest amount among the fields on offer this week, from 111 active wells. Proven reserves are 289 million barrels. Another 134 wells are

inactive. Under the 20-year contract, the operator will produce hydrocarbons on behalf of Lagoven, a PDVSA

subsidiary, in exchange for a fee worked out on a sliding

scale. The operator must also invest at least \$16 million

within three years, although PDVSA expects investment to

be higher. A total of 131 companies are competing for 20

contracts to be sold this week with the winners determined

Eldorado in \$194m deal

ELDORADO has signed a \$194 million deal with Gencor to

acquire a portfolio of mining, development and exploration

assets in Ghana and South Africa. Eldorado's participation

will be the first major Canadian investment in a South

African mining industry by an overseas mining company.

The deal is expected to be concluded by mid-August and

consists of two operating gold mines and nine exploration properties. The mining assets includes a 90 per cent interest in the Bogosu Mine, Ghana.

ICI Australia and ICI, the parent company in Britain,

have completed negotiations over the commercial

arrangements between the two groups in advance of the

sale of ICI's stake in ICI Australia. ICI Australia will

continue to be allowed to use the ICI roundel or registered

trademark, although the company will change its name.

The two companies have also agreed to co-operate in

paints over the next seven years. The two will also co-

ICI talks complete

operate on explosives and surfactants.

purely by the size of their bids.

Disposals lose £14m at Powell Duffryn

By OLIVER AUGUST

PRE-TAX profits at Powell Duffryn, the ports and engineering company, increased 5 per cent. to £44 million, before a £14.3 million exceptional charge

from restructuring.

The charge relates to losses from the disposal of two non-core busine The terminals sale left a hole of £11.9 million while the sale of Powell Duffryn Bricks cost £2.4 million.

Barry Hartiss, chief executive, said: "The reshaping of Powell Duffryn is making good progress. Management action will continue to eliminate weaknesses, capitalise on existing strengths and identify appropriate opportunities to strengthen the portfolio still further. We still have further disposals to make."

The last year is said to have seen "significant progress" in the implementation of the restructuring strategy, with disposals yielding £40

million. The terminals sale centred around the disposal of eight bulk liquid storage terminals around the world. The company said: "Demand at our terminals had been in decline as the petrochemical sector sought to destock but the capital expenditure requirements for environmental compliance continued unabated."

The sale of Powell Duffryn Bricks also coincided with the company's withdrawal from the coal industry. It said: "These various disposals have largely eliminated the group's exposure to the UK construction sector and to potentially significant environmental liabilities worldwide."

In the year to March 31. post-exceptional pre-tax profits of £30 million went up from £5 million the previous year. Losses per share of 7.6p turned into earnings per share of 15.3p. The dividend remains unchanged at 25p. with a 17p final dividend due on August 8.



Brian Larcombe, left, finance director of 3i, with Ewen Macpherson, the chief executive he succeeds in July. He has pledged to maintain company strategy

3i sets sights on German market after dull performance in UK

By Adam Jones

BRIAN LARCOMBE. the incoming chief executive of 3i. the venture capital firm, said yesterday that there would be little change in strategy when he takes over from Ewen Macpherson next month.

The two men were unveiling annual results that reflected the relatively dull performance last year by UK smaller to medium-sized companies, as well as a £60 million adverse currency adjustment from unhedged exposure to sterling's strength. Net asset value rose 14 per cent, from 426p to 486p per

share, slightly below some analysts' expectations. In the year to March 31, 1996, NAV had grown by 23 per cent. Mr Larcombe, finance di-

rector, said competition was increasing in the funding of management buyouts, which accounted for 31 per cent of 3i investments last year. "Quite a number of our competitors have raised substantial new funds." But a great deal of that money was channelled towards buyouts of more than EIOO million, more than 3i normally handles, he added.

whelmingly invested in the UK, the company is targeting Germany this year, with new offices opening in Hamburg,

Stuttgart and Munich. Mr Macpherson said that Scotland had been one of the big growth areas for 3i last year, both in new investment and through increases in existing holdings. Supported sec-tors included oil services around Aberdeen, as well as technology firms.

Mr Macpherson said 3i's policy of continuing to back start-ups paid dividends. One

that floated last October turned a £2 million investment into £35 million.

The total 3j return for the year was £415.5 million, representing a 16.4 per cent return on opening shareholders' funds, below the 18.7 per cent the FT-SE all-share index would have produced, but above the 15.7 per cent gain that would have been recorded by the FT-SE SmallCap index. The figure was held back by weaker performance in continental Europe.

Profits from dividends and

million to E91.3 million. helped by a low tax charge. Capital profits, which include realised and unrealised increases in the value of 3i stakes, fell from £456 million to £323 million. The unrealised values were hit by a

general slowing in earnings growth among small companies, as well as a £60 million reduction caused by the strength of sterling. There is a final dividend of 5.7p. making a total of 9.2p, up by 13.6 per cent.

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Arrests at DKB

TOKYO prosecutors said that they have arrested four officials of Dai-Ichi Kangyo Bank, one of Japan's top commercial banks, on suspicion of lending 11.78 billion yen (£62 million) to a racketeer. The loans violated Japan's Commercial Code, prosecutors said. They added that DKB made the loans through Daiwa Shinyo, a finance firm closely associated with DKB, in 51 instalments from July 1994 to September 1996. The loans were not properly collateralised as required by Japanese law.

Nomura 'don' called

PROSECUTORS in Japan have summoned for questioning the man once hailed as the "don" of the Japanese stock broking industry before his demise as chairman of Nomura Securities in 1991. Setsuya Tabuchi, 73, was interrogated by a special investigation unit of the Tokyo Public Prosecutors Office that is investigating a widening payoff scandal involving Nomura and Dai-Ichi Kangyo Bank. Prosecutors were expected to summon Yoshihisa Tabuchi, 64, former Nomura president, for additional questioning.

Cater Allen shares rise after approach

By MARTIN BARROW

SHARES of Cater Allen Holdings rose sharply yesterday after the discount house disclosed it had received an approach that may lead to an

offer for the company. No further details were given James Barclay, chairman, said that talks continued, but a further announcement was unwas not revealed. The shares rose 116p to 55712p, their peak since 1994, valuing the business at almost £182 million. In its last full financial year Cater Allen suffered a fall in pre-tax profits to £14.6 million from £25.9 million, mainly be-

cause of provisions against the

financial reconstruction of

Cowboy directors under fire

By Jon Ashworth

UNSCRUPULOUS directors will be named and publicly humiliated, as part of a new government offensive aimed at protecting the consumer.

Nigel Griffiths, Consumer Alfairs Minister, intends to make an example of so-called "phoenix" directors, who move from company to company, leaving distressed creditors behind. He singled out the "shocking" case travel agent and tour operator, which ceased trading in 1994 after just four months, leaving over 700 customers out of Losses exceeded £400,000.

Mr Griffiths said: "If you are ripping people off, there is no place for you in British business. Let there be no doubt war has been declared on the cowboy director."

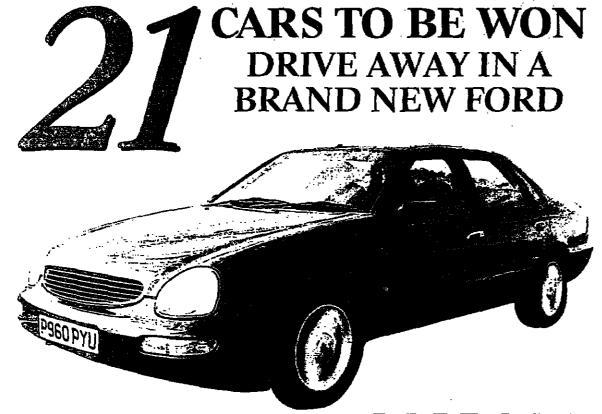
executive agency of the De-partment of Trade and Industry, is to subject rogue directors to even greater scrutiny. Mr Griffiths said: "Once the courts have banned them. we will make every effort to name them and publicise their

More than 300 directors were banned in the first three months of the year, up from 200 in the

actions to deter others."

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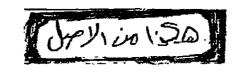
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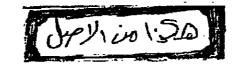
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■ THEATRE

Unseasonal: the Globe Theatre's tirst official summer show is a fine staging of The Winter's Tale



THEATRE 2

Despite the exuberant Jerry Lewis, Damn Yankees proves barely worthy of revival





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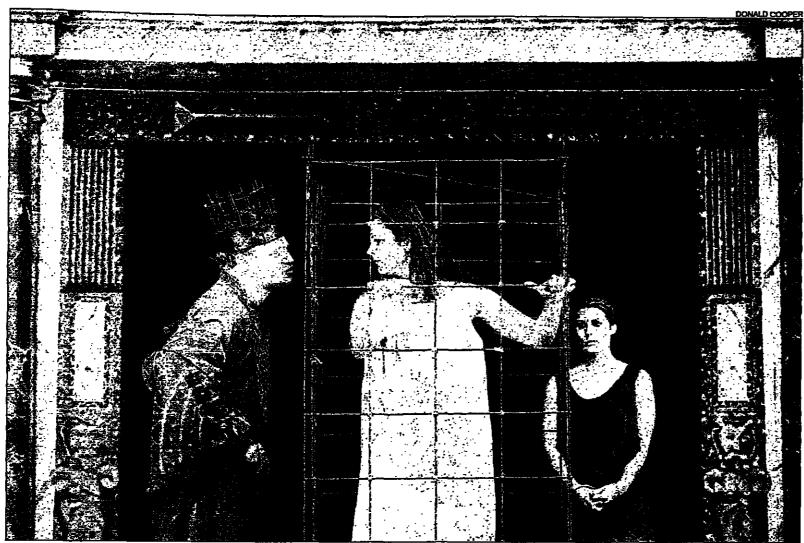
The British Youth Opera fights a losing battle to resuscitate The Gondoliers



MUSIC

From Bernstein to Billings: a superb American choir reveals the breadth of its native repertoire

THEATRE: The omens for the Globe are a whole lot better, says Benedict Nightingale, than for a smug Fifties musical



Power to move: Mark Lewis Jones is the pick of the performers as Leontes and Belinda Davison makes a fine Hermione, with Polly Pritchett as First Lady

his opening produc-tion confirms what last year's sneak preview of The Two Gentlemen of Verona suggested. The thatched-and-timbered cylinder opposite St Paul's is not going to be a theme-park for trippers or a playpen for academics. The Globe has every chance of making a vital contribution to London's

The fact that David Freeman's cast varies from fair to good, but rises no further. serves only to clinch the point. Yesterday afternoon was often overcast, occasionally drizzly. There was nothing between my bottom and a painfully authentic bench, and not a lot of leg-room. Flying machines passed overhead, variously sounding like gnats and zep-pelins. And still I was moved when Belinda Davison's Hermione came back to life, and Mark Lewis Jones clutched her with a great howl of "She's warm". How will we feel, then, when exceptional actors get the full measure of that hefty rectangular stage?

Tom Phillips, the designer, fills it with earth and not a lot

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This is the real thing

seats, Leontes's Sicilians seem an archaically Mediterranean lot, with their brown smocks. bangles and superglued hair. garlands and floral exotica, looks more Eastern. Either way, the actors have plenty of space in which to move and, thanks partly to the divisions created by the stage's two inbuilt columns, can begin one scene almost before another ends. The result is a splendidly fluent production, if not one with any special point to make about The Winter's Tale itself.

True, there are oddities. Why is one of Leontes's courtiers a skeletal, white-faced figure dragged onstage by a cord? Why is Time a battered vagrant wandered in, comThe Winter's Tale Globe

ly give claws to Hermione, who has been hovering in spirit over the abandoned Perdita, and ask us to accept that she is the bear who devours Antigonus? But at least such touches proclaim that work at the Globe will not dwindle into heritage Shakespeare in doublets and hose.

Davison makes a fine impression as the wife Leontes rejects and, despite her goofy Mummerset accent, Anna-Livia Ryan a lively one as the daughter he mislays. But the pick of the performers is, as he should be Jones as Leontes more acutely to words that do. after all, themselves paint everything from morning haze to night-time tempests.

about?

But the omens are good. How refreshing to hear Camillo say he must leave Leontes's court, or Polixenes wonder how he has offended the mad king, and feel that they are not simply playing with their inner worry-beads. They are talking to you, asking you questions, involving you in their fears. At the Globe Isn't that what theatre is all

usual nowadays, and to audiences, who must learn to listen

An unlikely old devil

arlowe's Faust dreams of kissing the face that faunched a thousand ships. and Goethe's Faust of making wonderful journeys over magic mountains. But Damn Yankees is an Eisenhowerera musical with a middleaged, Middle American estate agent at its centre, so its Faustian fantasies are a

bit more modest. It is Joe Boyd's casually expressed wish to become his pet baseball team's big hitter that brings Jerry Lewis's highly improbable Satan from Hell to suburban Washington. I cannot say, however, that Jack O'Brien's revival left me

caring whether or not Lewis carried off this homespun soul. Indeed, I found myself intermittently wishing that Dennis Kelly's good old Joe would solve his and my problems by beating himself to death with his baseball bat. But maybe that is

Damn Yankees Adelphi

because I have an inbuilt resistance to musicals smugly celebrating the values of mid-century America.

For all its occasional wit, that is the tenor of George Abbott and Douglass Wallop's book. No sooner has a transformed Joe started hammering homers into the Potomac than he begins to pine for hearth and home. So John-Michael Flate, who plays Joe's new self as an earnest blend of Clark Kent and Barbie's friend Ken.

becomes his wife's lodger. The comfy ending is visible 100 miles off, so it is left to the baddies to provide the show with energy. April Nixon. playing the vamp Lola, does this with wicked, sinuous charm; but her supposed boss seldom assays anything

as extreme as acting. When he is not exuding po-faced blankness from above his blazer, Jerry Lewis is, well. Jerry Lewis. He intermittently nudges the audience, mugs, comically simpers, and does out-of-character voices. It is about as Mephistophelean as Norman Wisdom.

Still, Lewis fans and nostalgia freaks will doubtless have fun. So, at times, will those who wonder where all the good tunes have gone. Nixon bangs across Adler and Ross's Whatever Lola Wants Lola Gets with verve and style, and others sing Heart well enough to make you forget that it is actually a pagen to mindlessness. The choreography is fine, though those dancing sportsmen look as if they would be happier playing tiddlywinks than doing tough things at the plate.

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Jerry Lewis (Applegate), John-Michael Flate (Joe Hardy) and April Nixon (Lola)

special challenge both to direchimself. He catches the ache tors, who may have to think else. Apart from their odd plete with cider bottle, from harder about blocking than is Cardboard City? Why suddenas well as the disgust of a mind habit of using truck-tyres for

Messing about in leaky boats

f the Covent Garden Festival were actually setting out to illustrate the sad decline of the Gilbert and Sullivan partnership, they could not be doing so with more devastating clarity than by simultaneously staging Trial by Jury and The Gondoliers - the former a masterpiece of the genre, the latter a rambling, repetitive farrago that feels more than twice its three hours' running

In the last of the series to retain a toehold on the repertory. Gilbert was relying on barely warmed-up old formulae, and in among a handful of good numbers Sullivan failed to avoid the ever-present dangers of tea-shoppe daintiness and front-parlour sentimentality.

It is especially depressing to witness the gadfly social satire of the early works giving way to smug reactionary attitudes. and indeed to see the young artists of Brinsh Youth Opera (some of them, frankly, a little long in the tooth to warrant that description) wasting their

ation of America's musical

heritage. Twenty-eight years ago, when he set up the series.

he was the first person to ask

Aaron Copland to conduct his

own choral work In the Begin-

ning. His was the ground-

breaking recording of Brit-

Bunyan. He is currently en-

gaged on the four-volume

Witness (Collins Classics), an

anthology of African/Amer-

ican music from early spirituals

Perhaps his zeal for recover-

ing the rare or neglected

occasionally gets the better of

him. This programme, "Wit-

to 20th century compositions.

ten's "American" opera, Paul

OPERA

The Gondoliers Freemasons' Hall, WC2

talents on this tired, faded stuff. The insertion of topical jokes — as topical as Genista McIntosh and the Camelot board - served only to emphasise the aridity of what surrounded them. At least Jamie Hayes and Ruari

Murchison, producer and designer, make no attempt to suggest a Venetian setting: here are nice, well-scrubbed English gels, and chaps messing about in boats no nearer the Adriatic than Sunningdale. Playing the Grand Inquisitor as an undertaker is a nice enough idea even if it can't be seen through, but there's no point in reproving Hayes for failing to devise a consistent comic style: the text resists any such thing. If eyes and teeth energy were

Singers of

Minnesota

enough - and the cast worked itself silly his good-natured staging would work,

sick with sexual imaginings,

and, once he has given rein to

his paranoia, he visibly coars-

ens, lolling and crazily grin-

spitting at Hermione and the

baby Perdita. But if he contin-

ues to roar so loudly so often

That is true of several per-

acoustics are better than they

fear, and I hope to encounter

concerns that dull, samey

he will damage his voice.

but it isn't. Timothy Dean, BYO's music director, conducted extremely well, and the singers did what they could in a space that is far from word-friendly. Andrew MacKenzie-Wicks (Luis) and Andrew Hammond (Inquisitor) displayed genuine comic talent as well as singing crisply; Geraldine McGreevy (Casilda) is definitely a talent to watch; Henry Moss (Marco) is already a very useful lyric tenor - Take a pair of

sparkling eyes went very nicely.

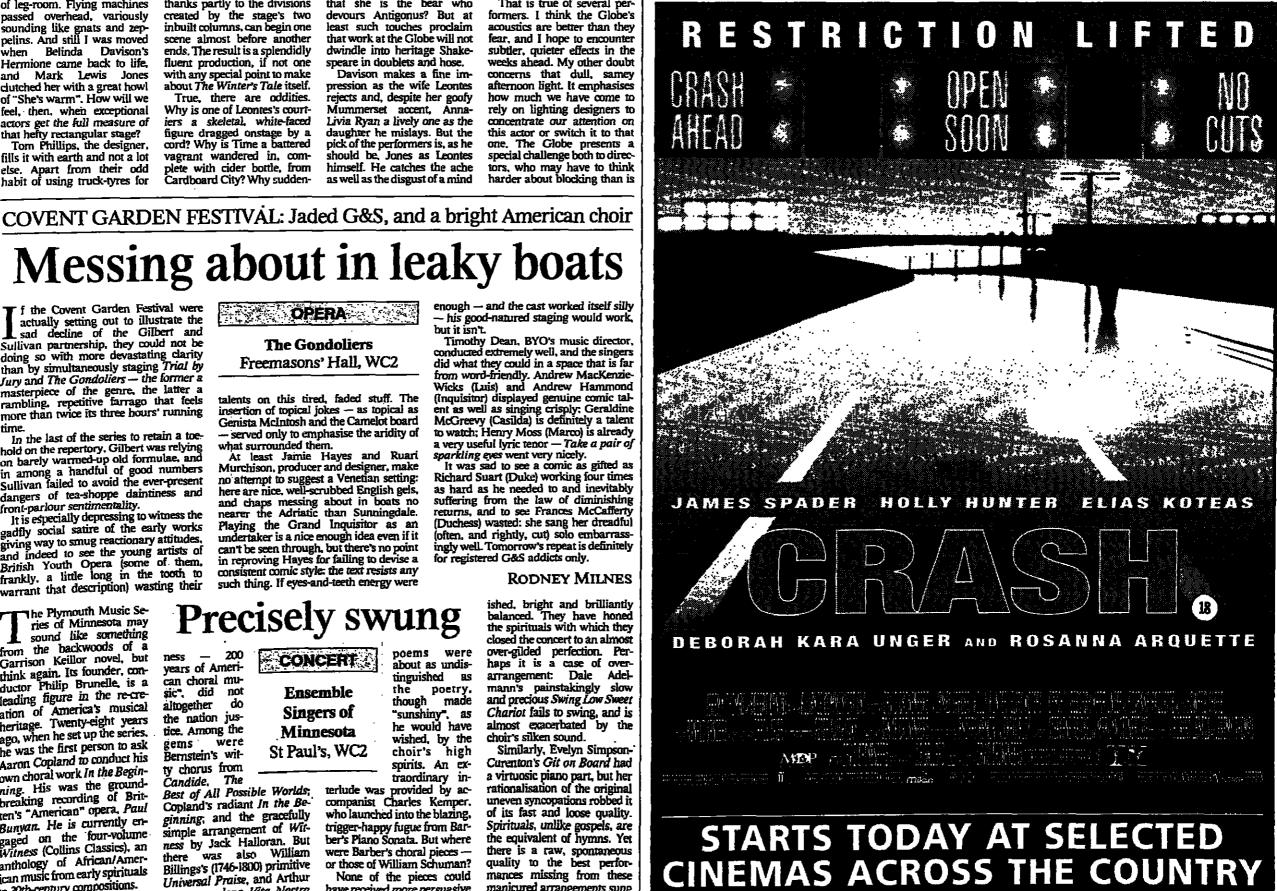
It was sad to see a comic as gifted as Richard Suart (Duke) working four times as hard as he needed to and inevitably suffering from the law of diminishing returns, and to see Frances McCafferty (Duchess) wasted: she sang her dreadful (often, and rightly, cut) solo embarrassingly well. Tomorrow's repeat is definitely for registered G&S addicts only.

RODNEY MILNES

ished, bright and brilliantly balanced. They have honed the spirituals with which they closed the concert to an almost over-gilded perfection. Perhaps it is a case of overarrangement: Dale Adelmann's painstakingly slow and precious Swing Low Sweet Chariot fails to swing, and is almost exacerbated by the choir's silken sound.

Similarly, Evelyn Simpson-Curenton's Git on Board had a virtuosic piano part, but her rationalisation of the original uneven syncopations robbed it of its fast and loose quality. Spirituals, unlike gospels, are the equivalent of hymns. Yet there is a raw, spontaneous quality to the best performances missing from these manicured arrangements sung

HELEN WALLACE



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Precisely swung The Plymouth Music Series of Minnesota may sound like something from the backwoods of a Garrison Keillor novel, but CONCERT years of Amerithink again. Its founder, conductor Philip Brunelle, is a can choral muleading figure in the re-cre-**Ensemble**

sic", did not altogether do the nation justice. Among the gems were Bernstein's witty chorus from

St Paul's, WC2 Candide, The

Best of All Possible Worlds; terlude was provided by ac-Copland's radiant In the Be-companist Charles Kemper. Copland's radiant In the Beginning, and the gracefully simple arrangement of Witness by Jack Halloran. But there was also William Billings's (1746-1800) primitive Universal Praise, and Arthur Foote's overlong Vita Nostra Plena Bellis. Dominick Argento's 1967

trigger-happy fugue from Barber's Piano Sonata. But where were Barber's choral pieces -

or those of William Schuman? None of the pieces could have received more persuasive performances, however. The Plymouth Ensemble Singers settings of Keats's doggerel are an engaging group, pol-

who launched into the blazing.

about as undis-

the poetry, though made

"sunshiny", as he would have

wished, by the choir's high

spirits. An ex-

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tinguished as

by a uniformly white choir.



POP I

Hanson, three kid brothers from Oklahoma, look back in innocence on Middle of Nowhere



POP 2

. while, at the other end of the age spectrum, Steve Winwood offers solid craft on Junction Seven





POP 3

Jakob Dylan, son of Bob, leads the Wallflowers in a homage to past styles on Bringing Down the Horse



■ POP 4

and Peter Hook, once of New Order, goes into Britpop mode on an album with his new band Monaco

The kids are all writing

POP ALBUMS: How did Hanson

become the current teen sensation?

David Sinclair blames the parents

HANSON Middle Of Nowhere (Mercury 534 bl5 £13.99) HANSON remind me of the bumper-sticker urging us to Employ a teenager now, while they still have all the answers". It is not just that the three Hanson brothers from

Tulsa, Oklahoma — Isaac. 16. Taylor, 14, and Zach, 11 evince such a worldly air in their lyries: "You have so many relationships in this life/Only one or two will last," they sing on MMMBop, the No I single in both Britain and America this week. It is that their traditional pop formula is so unnervingly knowing.

Ignoring all developments from the 1980s onwards, they have gone straight to their parents' record collection, absorbed the classic popular sounds of the late 1950s and 1960s, mixed them up with some 1970s soul, and then redeployed the whole as if such music had been invented (by them) yesterday.

The result is Middle of

Nowhere, an album of middle of-the-road, Middle American, middling pop-rock, which draws its inspiration, most obviously, from the Beatles and the young Michael Jackson (both simultaneously on Speechless, which marries the riff of Come Together to a squeaky, pseudo-heavy rock/

inspiring, but what would sound inexcusably limp and conservative in the hands of anyone who knew better is at least infused here with an innocent joie de vivre. "We've got to change our point of view/If we want the sky blue," they sing in Where's the Love, a song about a failing relationship which, like so much of the album, sounds slightly earnest, unfailingly wholesome and effortlessly primed with the simple certainties of youth.

STEVE WINWOOD Junction Seven

(Virgin 7243 8 44059 £13.99) STEVE WINWOOD was something of a Hanson figure in his day, having joined the Spencer Davis Group at the tender age of 15, before scoring a string of No I hits. Now 49. Winwood's boyish charm and zest have long since been replaced by the crafted approach and leisurely workrate of a man whose musical vision is more about poise than passion.

Junction Seven, his seventh solo album, starts off with the relatively energetic Spv in the House of Love, a single which conspicuously failed to reach even the Top 75, and then slides into an unchallenging combination of soulful ballads such as Plenty Lovin', which he sings as a smoothy duet with Des'ree, and polite funk

Have Some Fun. in which he rails against the tyranny of the rock star's working day with lines such as "It's almost halfpast three/And it's time for

None of it is particularly grooves including Just Wanna and horn section arrangement

on Gotta Get Back to My Baby sounds rather opportu-nistic, but the only serious black mark is a stiffly laundered version of Sly Stone's Family Affair that wipes out The gaudy Latin percussion all trace of the original's croaky emotion.

> THE WALLFLOWERS Bringing Down the Horse (Interscope IND 90055 £9.99) WHETHER it be Julian Lennon, Ziggy Marley or the hapless Jeff Buckley (see Caitlin Moran's tribute on the facing page), the sons of an earlier generation of stars have not found it easy to step outside the shadow of their

parents' achievements. Jakob Dylan has done better than most with his group the Wallflowers and, after a

Open Road Do it Yourself

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THE Philadelphia-born Lew

Tabackin is a frequent poll-

winner, both for his contribution to the big band he co-leads

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looking back") and the Rolling false start in 1992 when their Stones on God Don't Make Lonely Girls. debut album flopped, the band has recently seen sales of Bringing Down the Horse go past the two-million mark in America.

with the Wallflowers' British dates earlier this week, Bringing Down the Horse is a strong collection of songs in the sturdy rock'n'roll traditions of 30 years ago and more. Although Dylan has probably made more of an effort than most singers not to sound like his father, his is clearly an old head on young shoulders, and the band inevitably ends up echoing old-school artists such as Bruce Springsteen on Three Marlenas ("I'm heading out on that highway ... I ain't

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MONACO Music for Pleasure (Polydor 537 242 £13.99) WHILE the status of New

Order remains unclear, the group's bass player Peter Hook has teamed up with singer, guitarist and program-mer David Potts to form Monaco. The duo has already tasted success with their first single, What Do You Want From Me?, a song blatantly redolent of New Order, but

charmingly so.
While Potts sounds uncan-

nily like New Order's singer Bernard Sumner, it is Hook's distinctive bass guitar sound and his habit of using the

Still, at least they do it with panache and a genuine understanding of what this kind of

techno-pop tracks such as Junk that is the defining feature of much of Music For Elsewhere, though, songs such as Buzzgum and Blue sound like a cynical attempt to a slice of the Oasis/Britpop action, a bandwagon which has in any case long since departed.

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instrument to pick out the

melody line on throbbing

How sweet the sound

MARTIN SPEAKE ENSEMBLE Amazing Grace

(Spotlite SPJ-(CD) 558) ALTOIST Martin Speake is perhaps best known as a founder member of the saxo-phone quartet luchy Fingers, but recently he's been exploring world music with his seven-piece Fever Pitch, and the music of Ornette Coleman with a quartet, Mind and

Such broadmindedness has

JAZZ ALBUMS

fed directly into this set, mainly composed of pieces by the likes of Wayne Shorter and Lee Konitz, but also containing imaginative reworkings of standards and a perky original based on I Got Rhythm.

Guitarist Phil Lee's tastefully propulsive accompaniment and his fluent soloing provide the perfect complement to Speake's elegant, thoughtful. but highly emotional playing. and the rhythm section -bassist Mick Hutton and drummer Bryan Spring, occasionally augmented by the luminous piano of Pete Saberton — is exemplary throughout. This is neat, incisive music, faultlessly performed.

CARLOS MARTINS QUARTET

Passagem

(Enja ENJ-9073 2) ALTHOUGH his band members, the American drummer Cindy Blackman and pianist Bernardo Sassetti, will be relatively familiar to local jazz audiences, the former from her numerous slick albums as leader, the latter for his work with the Guy Barker Sextet. saxophonist Carlos Martins should also establish himself as a substantial presence with this surefooted, intelligently programmed album.

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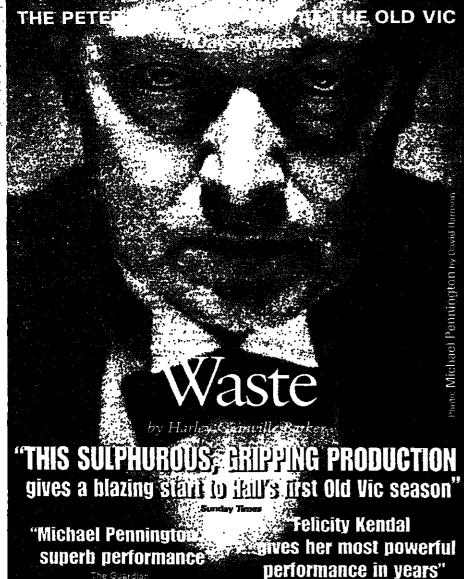
A number of cogent originals notwithstanding, the meat of the session resides as much in Martins's duo and trio explorations of material by Ornette Coleman and Duke Ellington as in the bustling accessibility of the quartet tracks. The latter's Sophisticated Lady in particular, in which Martins and Sassetti combine beautifully at an achingly slow tempo, is worth the price of admission alone.

CHRIS PARKER



Middle-of-the-road, Middle American, middling pop-rock has made Taylor, Isaac and Zachary Hanson rather more than middlingly successful

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with his wife, Toshiko Akiyoshi, and for his flute playing, Chris Parker writes. Live, though, he concentrates his formidable improvising powers on the tenor saxophone. As if to emphasise the point, for this five-day engagement he is appearing as part of a trio — completed by the British drummer Mark Taylor and Belgian bassist Phillippe Aerts — so he is able to luxuriate in the relative harmonic and rhythmic freedom resulting from the ab-

sence of a piano.
It was clear Tabackin meant business as soon as he led the band into their first tune. Come Rain or Come Shine: instead of treating Arlen's familiar melody as an easypaced warm-up lope, he subjected it to a vigorous examination, investigating its possibilities with a thorough-ness that recalled not only the rhapsodic self-absorption of Coleman Hawkins, but also the fierce intensity laced with playfulness that characterises the solos of Sonny Rollins, one of Tabackin's strongest

influences.
The latter was brought to mind even more readily by the approach Tabackin took with a follow-up number, Me and My Shadow, Like Rollins, he is an expert at moulding

apparently unsuitable tunes into perfect improvisational vehicles. Thus, in his hands. the apparent drawbacks of Shadow - its slightly plod-ding tempo, the superficial banality of its melody - were transformed into advantages. Tadd Dameron's bop an-

them, Hot House, was skilfully woven into a lively trio workout, and Duke Ellington's Serenade to Sweden proved hospitable to some smart double-time tenor pas-

But no Tabackin live performance would be complete without his celebrated flute playing, and he chose two typically varied showcases for it. John Coltrane's Wise One involved some finely judged work from Aerts, and Juan Tizol's A Gypsy Without a Song was both cogent and fluent, showing off Tabackin's pure. full-badied sound to perfection. Either would have been a

highlight of a flautist's concert the fact that they were almost incidental Tabackin's superb tenor display served only to underline just what a consummate musi-





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POP 5

Promise cut Short the drowning of Jeff Buckley has robbed music of a true original



POP 6

Never tired of the old classics: Roger McGuinn looks forward to revising temps perdu





POP 7

Back together briefly, the Go-Betweens will enliven tomorrow's Fleadh in Finsbury Park



■ TOMORROW

Stomping at the Savoy: how will the Pet Shop Boys make out on the West End stage?



career. Buckley was already approaching legendary status, so laughably beyond any ongoing musical scene it was untrue. Buckley was a touch of the Dark

dead. Only one album into his

here is a hole in your record collection that will

never be filled - it looks as though Jeff Buckley is

Stuff. He chronicled the rabid black poisons of love, life's extreme moments, the queasy dialogue of dreams. He was the new Van Morrison, the next Kate Bush. someone whose extraordinary vocal range and musical versatility spark an astonishing

But yesterday week, while working on the follow-up to his 1995 debut album, Grace, which won him Rolling Stone magazine's Best New Artist Award, Buckley and a friend, Keith Foti, wandered down to a Memphis marina with a portable stereo and a guitar. They played and sang for an hour, before Jeff decided to swim out into the Mississippi River, fully clothed. He waded into the water, still singing, and tried to cajole Foti into following him. When the wake of a passing boat splashed the marina, Foti rescued the stereo and placed it on the bank to keep When he turned back, Buckley had disappeared, apparently sucked under by the wake of the boat. Buckley was 30.

The son of the revered US folkrock god Tim Buckley, Jeff had a troubled upbringing. In his short life, Tim Buckley released eight albums, a witchy brew of folk,

Life was hard for Jeff Buckley. What will be hard for the rest of us is getting through our own lives without him

Prince of darkness

rock, jazz and blues. Although critically acclaimed as everything short of the cure for cancer, Tim's redemption. "To feel the music soar through you changes you utterly," he said. "It changes your record sales were in the low thousands, and he took to drugs for comfort like a child sucks its

thumb. Tim left Jeff's mother when Jeff was six months old. Jeff's mother, Mary Guibert, immediately hit the road, chasing work wherever and whenever it became available. Their rootless existence, said Jeff, "gave me strength, in-sight, resolve. At the same time, it depleted my understanding of what it's like to have a home, or even your own dog for more than a

year." Tim Buckley was 28 when he died of a heroin overdose in 1975. Jeff had never met him. Mary married again, but the

pressures of work meant Jeff was left to bring up his younger brother. I feel I was born old, he said in 1995. "I don't wake up and feel happy if it's a sunny day. You get happy in five-second bursts. and then you wait for the next fivesecond burst. I've always felt l know too much to be happy." As his father had, Buckley

turned to music for release and

posture: you raise your chin, throw your shoulders back, walk with a swagger. When I sing, my face changes shape; it feels like my

skull changes shape.

When Buckley sang.

it wasn't only his skull that changed shape. Audiences melted in front of him, and the first few rows would buckle when he kicked up one of his vocal twisters. He could go from full-frontal Kurt Cobain scream to operatic lullaby in a

MORAN

Starting his career in crowded folk cafés in New York, Buckley would start off singing soft and low, pulling the audience in with impassioned whispers, before snapping into vertical take-off and stripping the paint from the

breath.

ceiling.
Within months, he was signed by Sony. His first album, Grace, was astonishing. Although the production veered towards big Queen-like rock at times, the occasional dose of guitar bombast couldn't swamp the ambitious scope of the album; the dolorous, harmonium-led hymn of Lover,

You Should Have Come Over still sounds like spring rain after a funeral. Dream Brother, dedicated to his father, is a queasy. nightmarish examination of Tim's ife. an echo-laden mourning hich never concludes or resolves.

Buckley sounded like a scared child, lost in endless darkness. On Grace's release, a herd of adjectives was lassoed into the Hyperbole Corral. Buckley's haunted eyes and pop-royalty cheekbones stared from countless magazines and, while he loathed the starsystem and the fuss. Sony prepared itself to guide the career of a high-sales prestige artist.

mours started to circulate through the L industry. Many concerned a suspected heroin problem
— and Buckley's behaviour certainly became erratic. He told of dreams in which a sculptor took a razorblade to his skin, and started plaiting and twisting the strands until Buckley became a living. immobile work of art. Work on Grace's follow-up was delayed. Buckley told his band to leave. town while he wrote new songs. Last December, he posted a note on his Internet Website, explaining that he was "in the middle of some wild s**t right now. Please be patient. I'll come out of my hole and will make bonfires out of

ticket stubs come the autumn." But the last concert was probably to an audience of one, on the banks of the Mississippi River,

At peace with himself, Roger McGuinn invites you on a trip through his past

Early Byrds still catching the warm

Then Roger McGuinn last visited Britain six years ago he seemed irritable and unhappy. He did not want to talk about the Byrds, or his relationship with Bob Dylan, or his born-again Christianity. which led to some rather limited conversation — if you got to talk to him at all. Many of his interviews were cancelled at zero

6 I am very Since then the man whose jinglejangle guitar excited sound on all those classic Byrds hits about is still being copied 30 years on, appgetting ears to have discovered the art of back to the growing old gracefully. Now he is 54, essence 🤊 McGuinn's grum-

piness has been transformed into charm and affability; he is at ease with himself and happy to discuss anything you care to ask about his career.

The approach extends to his first tour of Britain for a decade. Audiences can look forward to a mellow evening of nostalgia. "It's just me and my 12-string guitar playing the old songs and telling some stories about those times," he says. There may be one or two new songs, but I don't write a lot these days."

Gulf of Mexico, which is very peaceful, and we go down there to work on new songs,

he says. But not that many: McGuinn has produced a single solitary studio album in the past 20 years. His current live album, Roger McGuinn Live From Mars, contains only two new songs among the venerable classics and cover versions. Is there a

> fresh album of his own material in the offing? "I'd like to do that sometime in the next year or two," he answers vaguely. Of course, when your repertoire includes Turn, Turn, Turn, Eight Miles High and So You Want To Be A

Rockn'Roll Star

— not to mention that still magical version of Mr Tambourine Man - the pressure to produce new material cannot be that great. Does he ever tire of singing songs that made him famous? "Not really. They are like favourite grown-up children. They're new to me every time I do them and I get a vicarious pleasure out of other people's appreciation. If it ever gets to be a grind I put the song away." At one time, he even

If his recent creative output has been small, McGuinn has



Roger McGuinn and his trusty old 12-string await the pleasure of your company at a concert hall soon

150 dates last year, and it is the same most years. We are pretty much on the road."

These days he tries to make his shows more than a collection of songs, littering his set with fascinating anecdotes and delightful asides. He tells a rather good joke about Dylan's out-of-tune voice, reveals that David Crosby disliked Mr Tambourine Man because it had too many words and explains how Eight Miles High was initially only seven. McGuinn is a natural storyteller, and makes you eager to read the autobiography he has been working on for the past eight years. The show is an outgrowth of that text," he says. "I started thinking what a soundtrack of the book would be like — and this show

Apart from touring, the one activity that does seem to stir McGuinn is the Internet. He has his own World Wide Web site (www.mcguinn.com) with a link to the Folk Den, where every month he puts up a new recording of a traditional song such as Šailor Lad or Alberta. Users can download the music and find lyrics, guitar chords and other information. "I wanted to preserve the old songs and make them accessible to a new generation." McGuinn says.

The service reflects Mo-Guirm's feeling that his career
has come full circle with a June 16: Portsmouth June 18

return to his folk roots. "Folk music is new again," he says. We've been through the syntheses - jazz rock, space rock — and now 1 am very excited about getting back to the essence."

Above all, McGuinn is a survivor in a business with a high casualty rate. Of the original Byrds line-up Michael Clarke and Gene Clark are both dead, as are later members Gram Parsons and Clarence White. "I was just as abusive as anyone, but I slowed down and I gave up cocaine 20 years ago, McGuinn explains.

He also credits his membership of the California-based Church of the Way. "Christianity has been a balancing factor," he says. "It gives me a sense of stability and a realisation that making rock'n roll hit records is not the greatest achievement you can imagine. But I'm still flattered that the music has woven itself into the fabric of our culture."

NIGEL WILLIAMSON

• Roger McGuinn Live From Mars is released by Polydor. McGuinn plays Manchester University tomorrow: Birmingham Ronnie Scott's on Sunday, Cambridge Corn Exchange June 11: The Stables, Wavendon June 12: London Shepherd's Bush Empire June 13: Wilbarston June 14: Leeds

No comeback, but How does the band feel

dored by the critics; ignored by the public.
The story of Australia's Go-Betweens is a textbook example of the often huge disparity between artistic and commercial success.

Revered as poetic champions who have composed some of the most literate, intelligent and joyous pop music of the past two decades, Robert Forster and Grant McLennan are back together again for a brief tour that will see them play their first consecutive UK dates since they appeared in 1989, a year before the Go-Betweens split up.

"It's just a way of celebrating 20 years of wonderful music," McLennan says. "I think it's beautiful to be such a cherished thing."

Although reunion tours are these days almost as fashionable as tribute bands, the Go-Betweens have no greatest hits album to promote, nor do they plan to record new material together. I'm very, very happy with the back catalogue. It's a life story, it really

is," says McLennan. That story's opening chapters were set in 1978 in Brisbane. "It wasn't as if Grant and I were jamming to Chuck Berry records when we were 12," says Forster. "That's not our story. But we had been friends long before the band started."

Surprisingly, it was a film project that eventually coaxed Forster and McLennan to pool their creative talents once more: they have collaborated on a screenplay titled Sydney Creeps. "It's a romantic thrill er set in Brisbane," Forster says. "It involves lots of local colour, surfing, religion . . . "... and pineapples," dead-

pans McLennan.

hile the creative nu-cleus of the band consists of the deceptive melodies and breathtak ing lyricism of Forster's and McLennan's songs, the current four-piece line-up for the UK dates is augmented by young Brisbane-based newcomers Ross MacLennan no relation - on drums and

backing vocals. "Pickvance means pointy beard in Dutch!" says Forster. delighting, as ever, in absurdity. "She says she's descended from Vikings," McLennan

Edel Pickvance on bass and

The new rhythm section makes for an altogether more dynamic sound than the skewed rhythmic patterns in which the Go-Betweens of old dabbled.

Forster, a magnetic character who exudes the aristocratic charm of a French count, has such presence it's hard to take your eyes off him, on or off stage. McLennan, a healthy looking 39-year-old like his partner, exudes a general air of contentment. Is he filled with the same sense of romanticism now that informs the

OK, so why are those Australian cult icons, the

Go-Betweens, back together? "In a harsh world your skin

bigger," McLennan says. "Maybe you internalise things more. I still face the same struggle of trying to find beautiful things in the world."

The beautiful things he found and sang about then still have the capacity to bring

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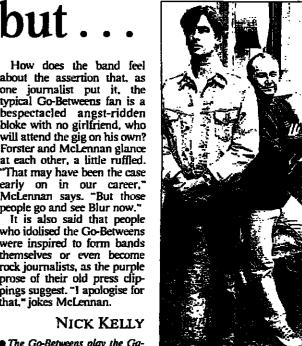
grown men to tears, as was shown at their Dublin gig. A predominantly male, rather bookish audience was left completely spellbound by an unforgettable show.

one journalist put it, the typical Go-Betweens fan is a bespectacled angst-ridden bloke with no girlfriend, who will attend the gig on his own? Forster and McLennan glance at each other, a little ruffled. "That may have been the case McLennan says. "But those

people go and see Blur now." It is also said that people who idolised the Go-Betweens were inspired to form bands themselves or even become rock journalists, as the purple prose of their old press clippings suggest. "I apologise for that." jokes McLennan.

NICK KELLY

● The Go-Betweens play the Garage. Glasgow, tonight; Fleadh, Finsbury Park, London tomorrow; and the Forum, Kentish Town. London, on Monday



Go-Betweens Robert Forster (left) and Grant McLennan



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■ CHOICE I

Antonio Gades's electrifying Carmen bows out with an encore on Sunday VENUE: At the Peacock Theatre in London



CHOICE 2

Works by J.S. Bach open this year's Lufthansa Festival of Baroque Music

VENUE: From tonight at St James's Piccadilly





■ CHOICE 3

Perfect match: Sir Charles Mackerras conducts a revival of Le nozze di Figaro VENUE: From tomorrow



VISUAL ART

The architect Sandy Wilson displays his superb drawings collection in Chichester

LONDON

CARMEN The success of Antonio Gades's Carmen has prompted the addition of an estra performance. Peacock, Portugal Street (0171-314 8800) Sunday, 3pm

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□ ALWAYS Betieve it or not, the King and Mrs Simpson story set to music (by William May and Jason Sprague). Staming Jan Hariley and Clive Carter That alarming noise is Queen Mary howing in het grave Victoria Palasce, Victoria Sineel W1 (0171-83 1317). Now previewing, Mon-Sat, 7-30pm, mars Wed and Sat, 3pm Opens June 10, 7pm.

BEAUTY AND THE BEAST
Distrey's film furned into a hill Broadway
musical Julia-Alanah Brighten and
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support from the likes of Derek Griffats and Norman Ressington. Dominion, Tottenham Court Road, W1 (0171-416 6060) Mort-Sat, 7 30pm, mail

THE CAUCASIAN CHALK
CIRCLE The Clivier is transformed into
a "theatre in the round" for Simon a "theatre in the round" for Smon McBurney's production of Brecht's last important work. Juliet Stevenson plays Grusha, with McBurney as the ingenious rudge, Apdal National (Olivier), South Bank, SE1 (0171-928 2252). Tonight and tomorrow 7 15pm, mar Sat, 2pm. In rep.

DAMEN YANKEES West End debut for Jerry Lows, heading an all-American cast in the Richard Adter/Jerry Ross musical about the baseball fan who sells his sout to the devil Adelphii, Strand, WC2 (0171-413 1777) Mon-Sat, 7 30pm; mats Thurs and Sat, 2 30pm

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WEEKEND CHOICE

A daily guide to arts and entertainment compiled by Gillian Maxey

ELSEWHERE B**IRMENGHAM** Paavo Järv conducts BIRMONGHAM Pazvo Jan conducts
the City of Birmingham Symphony
Orchestra in music by Leonard
Bernstein With Wayne Marshall, piano,
and Sabme Mayer, claimet, In aid of
St Mary's Hospice Development Appeal
Symphony Half Broad Street (0121212 3333) Tornomow, 7pm (5)

CARDIFF Weish National Opera presents a revival of David Pountney's reduction of Janacel's From the House of the Dead, opening here tonight House of the Dead, opening here tonight for one performance only, before fouring to the Birmingham Hippodrome on June 12, and to venues, in Bristol. Landudno, Oxford and Southampton With Donald Menwell as Shishilov and Nigel Douglas, as Shapkin Tomorrow, the company performs Rossim's The Barber of Seville Sung in English Niew. Park Place (01222 878889). Tomoth and terronrow, 7,15cm (6). Torsohi and tomorrow, 7.15pm (6)

DARTINGTON. The annual showcase of work by West Country artists, the Dartington Arts Summer Exhibition, opens fornorrow, featuring various

THEATRE GUIDE

Jeremy Kingston's assessment of theatre showing in London ll House full, returns only I Some seals available Some seas avairum

Seats at all prices

☐ THE GOODBYE GIRL: Gary Witnot, Ann Crumb and Sherwae Powell in the Hamilisch/Zippel musical version of Net Smon's play Dancer dumped by one acror and landed with another gradually indis love. Ash. Directed by Rob Bettinson.

Alberts St. March St. Lane WCS (1973). Rob Betinson. Albery, St Menin's Lane, WC2 (0171-369 1730) Mon-Fri, 8pm, Sat 8 30pm; mats Wed. 3pm, Sat, 5pm

☐ HENRY V The first full season on ye new olde Dizabethan stage (not actually Shakespearo's) opens with Mark Rylance playing Hall in Richard Olivier's all-male production Shakespeare's Globe, Bankside, SE1 (0171-401 9919) Opens tonight, 7 300m

☐ MASTER CLASS: Path LuPone recreates her Broadwey staming role as Mana Callas in Terrence McNally's fony-winning play where the great diva puts aspiring opera singers through their paces. Leonard Foglia directs Queen's, Shaftesbury Avenue, W1

CINEMA GUIDE

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Hall (01803 663073) Mon-Fri, 10 30am
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22, 28 and 29; July 8, 11, 13, 16, 21, 25
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LONDON GALLERIES

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☐ A MIDSUMMER MIGHT'S
DREAM: Rachel kavaraugh's delightful
production, alert to the comedy and the
mystery Edwardian costumes
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VISUAL ART: Richard Cork admires the architect Sandy Wilson's collection of

A good head for figures

nlike so many modern ar-chitects, Sandy Wilson has always relished artists and their work. When his British Library building eventually opens. it will boast important commissions from R.B. Kitaj and Eduardo Paolozzi. Without Wilson's stubborn personal commitment, their ambitious contributions would never have survived the endless vicissitudes suffered by the library project over the decades. And the same passionate resolve lies behind the remarkable collection he has amassed, often through close friendships with the artists concerned.

If premises can be secured and funds raised, all Wilson's pictures will be given to Pallant House in Chichester. Its Queen Anne interior already displays a choice array of images be-queathed by two distinguished collectors, Walter Hussey and Charles Kearley. But their paintings belong to an earlier part of the 20th century. whereas many of Wilson's holdings are by contemporary artists. His gift will complement Pallant House's existing pictures perfectly, and the selection of drawings now on loan from Wilson's collection proves just how discerning his acquisitive eye has been.

Many of them show artists thinking aloud, juggling with alternatives and discarding initial ideas as they move towards the authority of the final painting. In three cases, Wilson owns the canvas as well as its preliminary studies, and he shows them together at Pallant House with rewarding effect.

Patrick Caulfield's celebrated early Portrait of Juan Gris underwent a startling metamorphosis. According to the modest studies, he began by planning a homage to Cezanne. The familiar bearded figure was placed against a window and then isolated on a jagged plinth with the bizarre name "SUR — EALIST" running behind his head. Caulfield subsequently transformed him into Gris, an artist who still influences him enormously. But the pair of hesitant little sketches he produced both lack the assured, clearcut finality of the heraldic oil painting.

No such gulf separates Sickert's pencil and chalk drawing for Jack Ashore from the canvas. They share a similar looseness and acute feeling for the shabby, dimly-lit interiors he

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pictures, now on show in Chichester



Lucian Freud's youthful Self-portrait with Iris (sic) in a Pot (1947-48)

after his infamous series devoted to the Camden Town murder, their blurred eroticism is still laced with hints of impending violence. Sickert could not let go of the subject. As late as 1923 he returned to it in an etching, where the shadowy sailor peering so lasciviously at the plump woman on her bed could almost be the artist himself.

One of the cross-currents running through this immensely stimulating show centres on the relationship between artists and their students. David Bomberg, whose work Wilson has collected with special avidity, once cherished. Executed in 1912, not long attended Sickert's classes. And the scene with swift, luminous fidelity.

large charcoal and crayon study Bomberg made in 1926 for The South-East Corner, Jerusalem is squared up in a grid, according to a system he learnt from his teacher. The drawing reduces the domed city and its surrounding hills to a few skeletal contours. Their toughness reminds us

that, before the First World War, Bomberg had been a revolutionary artist dedicated to extreme renewal. The concern with underlying structure never left him, even though the painting of The South-East Corner. Jerusalem defines a carefully observed

The richness of Bomberg's legacy is disclosed in work by two of his most outstanding students. Frank Auerbach's taut little engravings are based on drawings he made of female nudes in the early 1950s. They have a young man's attack, emerging from a dark, tangled mass of impetuously incised lines. But the figures themselves are notable for their economy, and their fierce angularity does not disguise Auerbach's awareness of his models'

fundamental vulnerability.

Dennis Creffield, by contrast, is obsessed with buildings. His magnifi-cent charcoal study of Chartres is a tour de force, attentive to the intricacy of the rearing Gothic spires yet at the same time vaporous and free. If medieval architecture dominates the examples of his work in Wilson's collection, Creffield is equally able to summarise the modernist dynamism of New York in forceful, bristling

n a sense, Wilson's taste is catholic. It embraces at one extreme the surgical exactitude of Lucian Freud's youthful self-portrait, where the artist's mesmerising gaze turns away from the hyacinth (called by him an iris) delineated with microscopic zeal in a nearby pot. But Wilson also savours the looseness of Giacometti's superb portrait of the elderly, bedridden Matisse.

Propped up on pillows only a year before he died, the master's bulky body seems on the verge of dissolution in the web of lines generated by Giacometti's restless pencil. Matisse's eyes still burn with intensity, though, as well as revealing the frustration of a man no longer physically able to work with his

former energy.

Wilson delights in the precise linear economy of Peter de Francia's lacerating Disparates as much as he savours the raging wildness of late Kitaj. In the end, however, all these diverse ways of drawing are united by a single. overriding allegiance. For Wilson has always remained obstinately loyal to the figurative image. Its persistence, throughout an age of anarchic experiment, is celebrated in a collection where abstract art finds no place. • The Art of Drawing at Pallant House.

Chichester (01243 774557) until June 21

Talk goes for goals

memory of Radio 4 long wave. which gave itself over to Test match cricket, starting yesterstation, also had the game live. day. So for 30 days this Indeed Talk is carrying all the summer Radio 4 addicts who matches in the Tournoi de cannot get, or cannot find, an France, whereas 5 Live is FM signal will have nothing to taking only the England games. Both networks know Stranger things are happenthat there is a limited British ing elsewhere in radio sport. audience for, say. France versus Italy, but Talk needs to On Wednesday Radio 5 Live carried commentary on Enbuild a soccer profile rapidly, gland's football victory over for it has bigger fish to fry.

As reported yesterday, Talk is about to start negotiating with the FA Premier League to carry commentary from 1999 onwards. The present fourRADIO

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Alan Green and Mike Ingham, has two outstanding commentators. Tony Lockwood of Talk is no slouch, but he is no Green, either.

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Grant of leave for review suspends delay

Regina v Criminal Injuries Compensation Board, Ex

Before Lord Justice Simon Brown. Lord Justice Peter Gibson and Sir [Judgment May 16]

Where leave to apply for judicial review had been granted it was not on the hearing of the substantive application for judicial review, to district the substantive challenge on the ground of undue delto pursuant to Order 53, rule 4(l) of the Rules of the Supreme Court, unless hardship, prejudice or detriment would be caused to any person within the meaning of section 36(6)(b) of the

Supreme Court Act 1981. The Court of Appeal so stated, inter alia, dismissing the appeal of the applicant, A. from the dismissal by Mr Justice Popplewell on December 15, 1995 of her substantive application for judicial review on the ground of undue

The applicant had applied for compensation to the Criminal Injuries Compensation Board alleging that she had been raped and buggered during a burglary at her home in May 1991.

On August 31, 1993 following an oral hearing by three hoard members her application was refused. On October 17, 1994 the applicant applied for leave to challenge that decision. On February 14, 1995 Mr Justice Carnwath had granted leave to move for judicial review. Mr Nicholas Blake, QC and Miss Elizabeth Woodcraft for the applicant; Mr Michael Kent, QC.

LORD JUSTICE SIMON BROWN said that main issue on the appeal was whether, absent hardship, prejudice or detriment, it was open to the court on the hearing of a substantive judicial review motion, for which leave had been granted, to dismiss the challenge on the ground of undue delay

as the judge did.

The issue had not been the subject of decision save only by Mr Justice Webster in R v Tavistock

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tions v Bignell and Another

Before Lord Justice Pill and Mr

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General Commissioners, Ex parte Worth ([1985] STC 564), a decision which was later approved obiter by Lord Justice Evans in the Coun-of Appeal in Pauerson v Green-wich London Brough Council ((1993) 26 HLR 159).

In considering the issue it was necessary to keep in mind the two legislative provisions governing

First, Order 53, rule 4(1) of the Rules of the Supreme Court pro-vided: "An application for leave to apply for judicial review shall be made promptly and in any event within three months from the date when grounds for the application first prose unless the court considers that there is good reason for extending the period within which the application shall be made."

The words in the first line "leave to apply for were added by amendment (SI 1987 No 1423) to reflect the decision of the Court of Appeal in R v Stratford-upon-Avon District Council, Ex parte Jackson ([1985] 1 WLR 1319) which had in any event construed the word "application" to mean the application for leave.

Next, section 31 of the Supreme Court Act 1981 provided: *(b) Where the High Court considers that there has been undue delay in making an application for judicial review, the court may refuse to grant (a) leave for making the application, if it considers that the granting of the relief sought would likely to cause substantial hardship to, or substantially prej-udice the rights of, any person or would be detrimental to good

*(7) Subsection 6 is without ice to any enactment or rule of law which has the effect of limiting the time within which an application for judicial review may

The interrelation between those various provisions was considered by the House of Lords in R v Dairy Produce Quota Tribunal for England and Wales, Ex parte Caswell (11990) 2 AC 738).

Although Caswell did not dir-ectly address the present issue,

and Mr Justice Popplewell in the present case, appeared to have found in it support for the view that mere delay could warrant refusal of relief even at the substantive hearing, even if relief would occasion no hardship, prej-

udice or detriment. That had been Mr Justice Webster's conclusion in Worth, decided, of course, before Caswell or

even Jackson.

Mr Kent sought to uphold the udge's decision on two alternative

First, in reliance on Worth and Patterson, he contended that the nitial grant of leave decided nothing finally as to whether there was good reason for extending time, and thus as to the propriety of the grant of leave, so that the judge at the substantive hearing was entitled to decide that matter afresh inter partes without even having before him an application by the respondent to set the leave

Secund, on the particular facts of Mr Justice Carnwath never acrually did extend time but rather, in the manner envisaged by Mr Justice Webster in Worth, gave leave "without prejudice to the question of time". That, therefore, he argued, was to be regarded as a conditional grant of leave, that is, leave conditional on the judge at the substantive hearing finding good reason to extend time.

Whatever be the answer to poin I, the critical question, his Lordship would certainly reject point 2. for a conditional grant of leave and dearly Mr Justice Carnwath was intending no such thing. The order was "leave granted".

in short, his Lordship saw no more reason than did Mr Justice Webster in Worth to distinguish between the general run of cases where leave was given despite delay and those where it was in whatever terms or belief without prejudice".

both. The question was: what rule? That was the central question. It seemed to his Lordship logical construe those provisions as Mr

Blake invited the court to do: to treat the application for leave and the substantive hearing as two distinct stages; to grant leave

(a) there was no good reason for extending time (rule 4(1)) or (b) it was already apparent that the eventual grant of relief would be likely to cause hardship, prejudice or detriment (section

and to accept that once one reached the substantive hearing delay was only relevant on section 31(6)(b) grounds Once time had been extended by

the grant of leave then that, unless the leave was later set aside, was that. There would by definition have been undue delay in making the application: see Caswell, so that at the substantive hearing relief could be refused under section 31(6)(b) if it would cause hardship, prejudice or detriment.

Absent any of those, however, the court could not simply cancel the carlier extension of time as if leave had never been given and the substantive application had never If, at the substantive hearing it

appeared that the grant of relief would be likely to cause hardship, prejudice or detriment, then clearly the reasons for the earlier delay might come back into play.

But by the stage the applicant would have established his substantive challenge and the question would be: should the applicant have to suffer an unlawful decision or should the respondent, or third party, have to suffer the hardship. orejudice or detriment which could

result from its being auashed? It was also into that balance that the earlier undue delay must then be put, its weight in the scales being affected principally by the following considerations:

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undue delay. titi) The extent if at all, to which the hardship, prejudice or detri-

ment that would result from the quashing, resulted also from the

(iv) Whether the applicant could be shown to have misled the court when he obtained leave.

In short, quite different questions arose with regard to delay depending on whether the point was raised at the leave stage or at the substantive hearing.

At the leave stage, putting section 31(6)(a) aside, the question was whether there was good reason for extending time and allowing the substantive application to be set

That involved consideration both of the reasons for the delay and the apparent merits of the challenge the better the prospects of success, the readier would the court be to extend time even where the delay was unjustifiable, that is, the merits themselves could contribute to or even supply the good reason.

At the substantive hearing, however, the question was whether, in a case where there was initially undue delay, which might have been wholly justifiable, the merits of the challenge, by now actually established, should be overridden by the hardship, prejudice or detriment that would result from

It followed that his Lordship regarded Worth as having been wrongly decided and Mr Justice Popplewell to have erred in dismissing the present challenge on the ground of delay.

His Lordship went on to consider the merits of the substantive application and concluded that the applicant had failed to make good either ground of her substantive challenge with the result that her appeal failed, albeit for very different reasons to those given by the

Lord Justice Peter Gibson and Sir lain Glidewell agreed. Solicitors: Miller Parris, Wor-

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Use of statutory checklist can assist judges

B v B (Minor: Residence order)

Before Lord Justice Potter and Mr Judgment May 12|

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Judges should not ignore the welfare checklist in section (3) of the Children Act 1989 in disputes over the residence of children has because neither party had made complaints against the other. Use of the checklist was a useful discipline which might aid in

The Court of Appeal so observed allowing an appeal by a mother against a decision of Mr Recorder Holmes in Cambridge Count Court on November 11, 1996 order ing that the son aged six of her marriage to the father reside with the father and directing that the case be reheard before Judge

clarifying the reasons for a judge's

Miss Christina Morris for the mother; Mr Michael Yelton for the

MR JUSTICE HOLMAN said the recorder had made no error of law, nor was he plainly wrong. But his judgment failed to indicate the reasons for his decision in a finely

The Court of Appeal could only

had failed to take relevant matters into account or taken account of irrelevant matters if the judge's decision set out reasons with sufficient detail and clarity.

A judgment was not to be approached like a summing-up. It was not an assault course. Judges pressure and the Court of Appeal would not interfere simply because an extempore judgment was not as polished or thorough as it otherwise might be.

A single sentence in the judg-ment just identifying the points which the recorder regarded as decisive might have been all that

The Court of Appeal must be entitled to interfere when it was in the end impossible to discern why the recorder reached the decision he did. The more finely balanced the case, the slower the court should be to do so: In re N (Minors) (Residence) (The Times April 6, 1995; [1995] 2 FLR 230).

Nevertheless, it was precisely because the decision in the instant case was so finely balanced that the recorder needed to state what in his mind tipped the balance one way rather than another.

If the reasons were obvious they could be inferred but they were not and his Lordship was left with a feeling that the decision might be wrong since he did not know the reusons for it.

The appeal would be allowed the

matter remitted for rehearing before a suitably qualified circuit In his judgment the recorder

had referred to the checklist in section 1(3) of the Children Act 1489. He had said: "It has been out to me that I need not be troubled by any of the matters in that checklist simply because neither of the plaints against the other."

It had certainly been said by the Court of Appeal that it was not necessary to go item by item through section 1(3) but the checklist did represent an extremely and ensured that all relevant matters in a case were considered and balanced.

It was not a good reason for not going through the checklist that neither party had made comrecorder gone through the charkemerged with clarity and the need for the appeal and rehearing been obviated.

Solicitors: Aitchison Shaw, Holloway: Lee Davies & Cu,

Apportioning costs among multiple clients

Baylis v Kelly and Others Before Mr Justice Chadwick [Judgment May 21]

In taxing the bills of costs issued by a solicitor, on separate retainers, to a number of defendants to the same action, the overriding principle for the court was that each client was to be charged only with the costs proper to his own defence. General costs, which could not be attributed to particular clients, on the basis of separate defences or distinct issues, had to be appor-

tioned pro rata. Mr Justice Chadwick, sitting as an additional judge of the Queen's Bench Division, so held when dismissing an application by McBride Wilson & Co for review of a decision of Master Wright dated

luly 22, 1996. Mr Nicholas Bacon for the applic2nt

MR JUSTICE CHADWICK said that the applicant solicitor had been retained on behalf of three defendants in a Queen's Bench action commenced by writ: limited company, the third defendant, which employed the second

date a legal aid certificate was issued to the first defendant alone.

On October 24, 1994 judgment was entered for the plaintiff against all three defendants for damages to be assessed, and taxation was directed, with the usual proviso in relation to the legally aided defen-dant, of costs to be paid to the

On the discharge of the first defendant's legal aid certificate his costs fell to be taxed in accordance with regulation 107A of the Civil Legal Aid (General) Regulations 1989 No 339) and the Legal Aid in Civil Proceedings (Remunera-tion) Regulations (SI 1994 No 228). Regulation (07A was inserted by the Civil Legal Aid (General) (Amendment) Regulations (SI 1994 No 229). The applicant, being dissatisfied with the initial tax-

ation, obtained a review by a taxing master. Still dissatisfied, he applied by summons for a review by a judge under Order 62, rule 35. The taxing master had applied what he described as "the basic principle", namely that "where solicitors act legally aided and non-legally aided clients, the costs should be divided equally between them, but

that the proportion could in an appropriate case be adjusted." Counsel for the first defendant mai me circum justified a departure from a pro

rata apportionment on a number

of grounds, including that the third defendant had been a merely nominal defendant, the first le gally aided defendant being the main protagonist.

But the solicitor had treated the third defendant as the person responsible for the costs of the action up until the grant of the legal aid certificate. Counsel had also argued that, by

failing to require any contribution, under regulation 32 of the 1989 Regulations, in respect of the interests of the second and third must be taken to have accepted responsibility for the whole costs of the defence. But it was clear from regulation

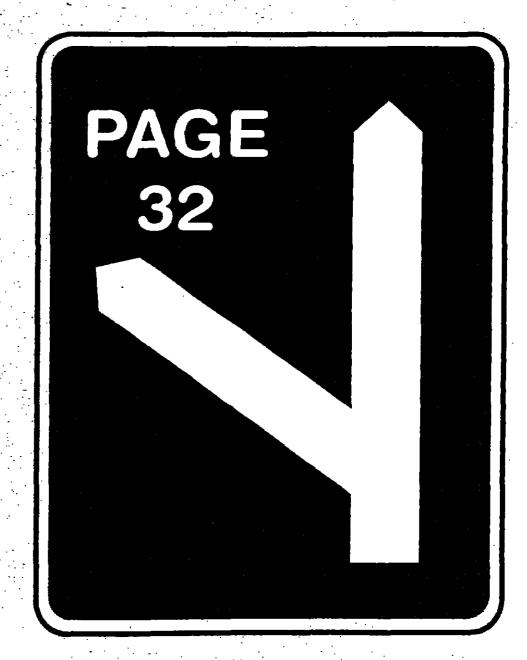
32(1) that the question which the area director had to consider was whether it was reasonable and proper for the second and third defendants to defray so much of the costs of the proceedings as would be payable out of the fund if a certificate were issued.

But he would know that in the course of taxation the court would. applying the normal apportionment rules, exclude costs properly artributable to, and payable by costs would not be payable out of

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purpose did not commit an offence under section 1 of the Computer Misuse Act 1990. The Queen's Bench Divisional Court so held in a reserved judgment dismissing an appeal by the improper use of data. If a person was entitled to

Unauthorised use of

computer data

the prosecution by way of case stated from Southwark Crown ge Watts and justices which had allowed an appeal by Paul Bignell and Victoria Bignell from their convictions by Mr Nicholas Evans, Bow Street Metropolitan Stipendiary Mag-istrate for securing unauthorised access to computer material, contrary to section I of the 1990 Act. Mr Peter Doyle for the defen-dants; Mr Michael Bowes for the

prosecution. MR JUSTICE ASTILL said that the defendants were two police officers who had extracted details of two motor cars from the police

computer for private purposes.

The defendants were authorised to access the information on the

computer but were not permitted

to use the information for non-

The prosecution had submitted that a police officer who secured access to the police computer for a non-police purpose secured unauthorised access, which was unlawful under section I of the Act.

In his Lordship's judgment the purpose of the 1990 Act was to criminalise the breaking into of computer systems, known as "hacking"; it was the Data Protection Act 1984 which criminalised

question then access was not unauthorised, following section 17(5)(a) of the 1990 Act.

though they did not do so for an authorised purpose. His Lordship added that that did not leave a lacuna in the law. because the defendants could have been charged under section 5(2)(b)

Lord Justice Pill agreed. Solicitors: Russell Jones &

The defendants were in fact entitled to control access in at least two of the ways set out in section 17(2). Therefore, the defendants had authority to access, even

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Landlord's right of re-entry is not a security ably to re-enter and forfeit the or value his right to re-entry. lease. The tenant under a lease fell The landlord's right to forfeit

Razzaq v Pala Before Mr Justice Lightman

Judgment May 15 Forfeiture by re-entry for non-payment of rent by a bankrupt was not the enforcement by a secured creditor of his security since the right of re-entry was not a security and the landlord was not a secured creditor for the purposes of the insolvency Act 1986.

The landlord's right to forfeit was not a remedy against the the exercise of the right of for feiture did not remedy any preceding breach of covenant: it merely prevented its recurrence and alforded relief to the landlord from a

defaulting tenant.
It followed that the landlord had validly re-entered the premises on the non-payment of rent by the tenant, but in view of the tenant's promise to pay before re-entry and his payment very shortly after the forfeiture, and the hardship occasioned by the loss of his business premises and means of livelihood, it was just to grant the tenant relief from forfeiture and an order that

possession be restored on terms. Mr Justice Lightman, sitting as an additional judge of the Queen's Bench Division, so held, allowing the appeal of the tenant, Mr Abdul Razzaq, from the dismissal of his summons for relief by Deputy Master Iwi on February 25, 1997, and granting relief from forfeiture for non-payment of rent and ordering that possession be re-stored by the landlords, Mr Zaverilal Odhavjimulji Pala and Mr Bipin Zaverilal Pala, to the tenant on terms. The landlords were awarded 75 per cent of their costs. Leave to appeal was granted. Mr John Machell for the tenant:

Mr Martin Hutchings for the MR JUSTICE LIGHTMAN said that the tenant's appeal raised unresolved questions as to the effect of the bankruptcy of a tenant on the right of a landlord peace-

rent. The tenant was then made bankrupt. During the period of his bankruptcy the landlord peaceably re-entered and forfeited the lease for non-payment of rent. The issues which arose were whether the forfeiture was valid

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should have relief from forfeiture. The tenant contended that the forfeiture was void because the tained the leave of the court and such leave was required by section provided that no creditor could have any remedy or property of the bankrupt in respect of that debt without the leave of the court but that prohibition should not affect

the right of a secured creditor to enforce his security. Accordingly, the two questions raised were whether forfeiture by re-entry was the enforcement by a secured creditor of his security; and if not whether it constituted a remedy against the property of the

In many cases since the 1986 Acr the landlord's right of re-entry had been accepted to be a security and forfeiture to be an enforcement of that security, but that was clearly incorrect for two reasons.

First, it was held by the Court of Appeal in Ezekiel v Orakpo (1971) I QB 260) that the right of re-entry was not a security and the landlord was not a secured creditor. That decision was not referred to in the cases on the meaning of security in

Second, upon a study of the scheme of the 1986 Act as a whole it was clear that the legislature did not treat the right of re-entry as a security. Under the Act a secured creditor could not petition for bankruptcy unless he waived his security; nor could he prove in the liquidation of a company unless he waived or valued his security. A landlord could not sensibly waive

Power to strike out before rule bites

Jones v Bayford Mining Co

Before Lord Woolf, Master of the Rolls, Land Justice Hutchison and Lord Justice Mummery

Liudement May 6 The court could exercise its power to strike out an action for want of prosecution before the time when the action would be struck out under the automatic directions for the timetabling of proceedings in Order 17, rule !! of the County Court Rules (SI 1981 No 1687/1,20).

The Court of Appeal so held in dismissing an appeal by the plain-tiff, Roy Stanley Jones, against the decision of Judge Gareth Edwards, QC, at Chester County Court on April 26, 1996 striking out his personal injury action against the defendant. Bayford Mining Co Ltd. for want of prosecution.

no request is made fto fix a hearing datel within 15 months of the day on which pleadings are deemed to be closed (or within 9 months after the expiry of any period fixed by the court for making such a request), the action shall be automatically struck out."

Order 17, rule 11 provides: "(9) If

Mr Gerard Martin for the plaintiff; Mr Christopher Alidis for the defendants. THE MASTER OF THE

ROLLS said that the issue on the appeal was the interaction between the automatic directions procedure contained in Order 17, rule 11 and the ability of the court to strike out an action for inordinate and inexcusable delay which had caused prejudice to the other party.

reason why the court's general power to strike out an action for want of prosecution should be excluded by the fact that the case was one to which the automatic directions applied when the application to strike out was made?

In his Lordship's judgment, the fact that the automatic directions applied to an action, and the automatic directions carried their own sanction in Order 17, rule 11(9), did not prevent a court in an appropriate case from striking out an action, albeit that the action would not be struck out under the entomatic directions.

Order 17, rule 11(9) was properly

regarded as providing an addi-tional sanction which applied specifically in the case of delay as described in that rule. It was contrary to the proper approach to Order 17. rule 11(9) to take it as permitting the parties to regard themselves as complying with the requirements which they were under because the 15-month period referred to in that rule had not expired.

where an application was made to strike out the action for delay, would take into account the fact that the code contained in Order 17, rule 11 applied to the action and give what weight was appropriate to the provisions of the rule.

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However, the court, in consid-

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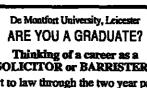
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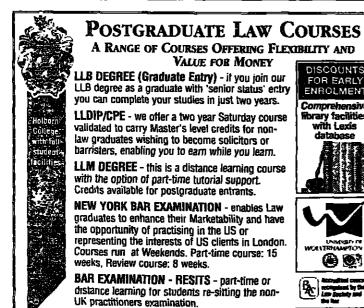
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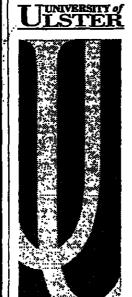
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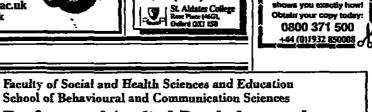
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Vocations and doubts

GNVQs are not living up to their hype, says John O'Leary

inding the alternative to academic qualifications which will command the respect of employers and academics, as well as maintaining the interest of teenagers, has become the Holy Grail of British education.

When the Conservative Government introduced the General National Vocational Qualifica-tion (GNVQ) in 1992, there was genuine hope that the search was over. Sixth-formers and college students flocked to join the programmes in such numbers that it seemed A levels would soon be eclipsed.

Five years later, however, doubts persist about the quality of courses and their direction. A report published today finds that GNVQs have not made the desired inroads into the student market and are losing an unacceptably high proportion of those who do embark on courses. The author blames basic design faults, which leave the programmes falling between academic and vocational stools.

With David Blunkett, the Education and Employment Secretary, pledged to raise the status and standard of vocational qualifications, Professor Alison Wolf's four-year study could hardly be more timely. Her team at the London University Institute of Education has been monitoring the GNVQ for four years, and the backing of the Further Education Development Agency ensures that the findings will be taken seriously.
Professor Wolf's verdict on the

qualification, which covers the intermediate and advanced awards, is not entirely negative. She acknowledges that the GNVQ has introduced vocational education into a substantial number of schools and become an accepted route into higher education, as well as preparing teenagers for employment in a limited number of fields.

However, the study finds that the courses do not represent the broad preparation for employment" set out in the original brief, let alone satisfying the requirement for "equal standing" with academic qualifications. Even the take-up rate, outset, has proved disappoint-

ing. Professor Wolf says that the GNVQ has done little more than match the numbers taking the range of courses it replaced.

About 20 per cent of 16-yearolds are taking GNVQs, many in combination with A levels, compared with the target of 25 per cent set for 1996. But only about half are completing the qualifica-tion, according to today's report. Early criticism of the low

completion rates on GNVO courses were met with heated denials, as officials insisted that the programmes were designed to be taken at the students' own pace. But Professor Wolf says: There is a limit to how long you can go on arguing that students are going to finish the course."

The figures are significantly lower than those in an assessment of the courses last month by the Office for Standards in Education, which covered schools alone. Inspectors, who noted a general improvement in the quality of courses, found that 80 per cent were receiving a qualification. The disparity suggests a much higher dropout rate in colleges, but may also reflect the smaller size of Ofsted's

ven the GNVQ's most enthusiastic supporters would hardly have expected the qualification to have achieved "parity of esteem" with a national institution such as A levels at this stage in its development. In fact, the advanced courses are recruiting students with three or four highgrade GCSEs on average, the group immediately below the Alevel intake.

The fashionable view of our tendency to cherish the academic above the vocational as a snobbish British eccentricity is, in any case, exaggerated. Professor Wolf says: "Every country has its hierarchy of qualifications, with the brightest kids taking the

academic route." Professor Wolf believes that GNVQ's problems stem not from its vocational nature, but from a failed attempt to straddle the divide between academic and job-related education. "We found that employers feel very strongly



Only about half of those who embark on GNVQ courses are completing the qualification

tion is not fulfilling its vocational

She cites the absence of a requirement for courses to include work experience, although most do so in practice.

Professor Alan Smithers, who heads Brunel University's Centre for Education and Employment Research and who has criticised the quality of vocational programmes, is pinning his hopes on a review of the GNVQ government advisers to get the format right.

"We do need a practical alter-

better when they can apply their knowledge, but GNVQ started

in the wrong place." Like Professor Wolf, Professor Smithers believes the new Government must distinguish between the original National Vocational Qualifications, which were designed to be taken main-

ly in the workplace, and the school and college-based GNVQ.
"It is really applied, rather than vocational education, and to be successful it must have clear goals and take people to particular destinations.

At present, two adequate input and the qualifica- "because a lot of people learn advanced GNVQ students are article.

aiming for higher education. Although three quarters of those who stay the course apply to universities or higher education colleges, the high dropout rate means that only about a fifth of the original intake win places on

degree or diploma courses. Mr Blunkett knows that a successful alternative to A level is essential if Britain's ambitious qualifications targets are to be met. Today's report suggests that, despite all the attention given to reforming the qualification's assessment regime, the GNVO is far from the finished

The importance of being learned

At 73, Ida Staples is a University Challenge

star on a mission, reports Jennai Cox

SHE KNOWS which family of 16th and 17th-century Dutch artists included Pieter the Elder, has visited countries most can hardly place on a map and is working her way through a second university degree. But Ida Staples, the 73-year-old star of University Challenge, says even she does not dare

attempt The Times cryptic crossword.
The Open University team Mrs Staples helped to two record-breaking scores were finally beaten 250-195 in the final by Magdalen College, Oxford, on Wednesday night. "We just couldn't get to the buzzer fast enough," she says. Mrs Staples, who lives in Hunting-don. Cambridgeshire, ir believed to be

the oldest person to have appeared on University Challenge. Having worked as a pharmacist and travelled widely she claims to have known the answers to all the medical questions. "Yet at

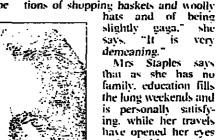
school I never really liked the sciences," she says. "I was always good at languages and loved the arts." Being the youngest and "only a girl" to elderly Victorian parents, she was not allowed to follow one

of her older brothers to Ida Staples: more to do university, so got a job at a local chemist and qualified in pharmacy at the suggestion of one of her bosses. "I hated it. It was only ever a job to do, but I saw the advantages and used it to get work

when I travelled," she says. Languages were not on offer when Mrs Staples resumed her education with the Open University in 1988 after the death of her second husband, so she chose to do arts. After four years of subjects including the 19th Century Novel and its Legacy. Art in 15th-Century Italy and Man's Religious Quest, she achieved an honours degree. "When that was done I suddenly

thought, 'What am I going to do now?' she says. "I can't join the Women's Institute, it is too socially isolating and we just don't talk the same language." There was no alternative but to start again, this time with earth sciences. Mrs Staples admits to exam-time

erves and moments of self-doubt, "I do



she says, "Daft,"

to the world even more. She recalls learning about the inventor of perspective on a visit to Florence during her arts course and wading through a lake during a Russian river trip for the earth sciences degree last year. "I was

picking up stones and saying 'This is granite'. The world becomes more alive. It is as though 1 only half lived before and have taken everything for granted."

sometimes think. What on earth are

you doing all this for? But then I say,

What would you be doing if you were

tell you what you should do but will do

nothing to actually help you. They have

no idea what it is really like." One asked

if she was doing an arts degree so she

Mrs Stuples says she wanted to prove "all the young people who think women

know nothing" were wrong. "It makes

me very angry." She also detests the

word pensioner. "It carries connota-

could teach. "That was when I was 67,"

When you are widowed, people will

STUDYING has also triggered other interests. The course on Man's Religious Quest as part of her arts degree started a fascination for temples, which Mrs Staples now visits when she is in the Far East."And I don't just admire them. I understand something about them and the culture of the people." she says. She was in India last January and plans a trip to the Baltic states next month, before it is infested with tourists. I want to go on broadening my outlook."

Dedicating at least two hours a day to studying. Mrs Staples should get her BSc by the time she is 79. Then she intends finally to start on the

GNVQ REGISTRATIONS BY SUBJECT, 1996-97 All others (including pilots) All others (including pilots) Engineering, science and manufacturing 9%

PERCENTAGE OF STUDENTS IN EACH

Duncan Baxter on the abolition of the Assisted Places Scheme

esterday's vote in the House of Commons confirming the Government's intention to run down the Assisted Places Scheme, will turn the clock back by more than 70 years. The history of my school illustrates this very well. The school has its origins in

a Chantry Chapel built in the 14th century where teaching and learning had reached such a level that when Henry VIII dissolved the chapel there was an outcry from local people. Elizabeth I granted the school a formal charter in 1561. Thus Kingston Grammar School looks back to the Middle Ages. But in 1926 it accepted direct grant status as a means of maintaining a firstclass education for boys, whatever their backgrounds.

After the abolition of the direct grant system, the assisted places were embraced with enthusiasm as a way of main-taining the traditional grammar school feel while being both independent and coeducational. Kingston Grammar has not been an "exclusive" school, therefore, since before the 1920s.

Four out of ten assisted place holders nationally come from what can be described as manual working-class families and two thirds of such pupils are from families earning less than the average wage. With 25 per cent of the pupils in the school in receipt of assisted places, we can genuinely claim to be a microcosm of the world of south London from which

fees will be attending my school?

Grammar it is the very variety of children's backgrounds Are we doing away with real choice?



parents of boys and girls in my

school want their children to

have a relevant and broadly

based education. If I felt -

both as a headmaster and as a

parent - that by sacrificing

this scheme the money so

released would help the state

system, I would feel much

happier about what has been

proposed. This is not the case.

will make the difference of half

a child per primary class. A

phased withdrawal of the

scheme will release only one

seventh or one eighth of that

amount annually and there-

fore will reduce a class by one

sixteenth of a child. This is

hardly a major contribution to

the education system, and

does not even take account of

the fact that the 37,000 child-

ren currently on the scheme

will have to be educated by the

State in the future, thus

The entire cost of the scheme

which makes it attractive to prospective parents. These parents choose an independent education for many different reasons.

By maintaining a steady course, independent schools have avoided the stormy passage caused by the winds of an ever-changing national curriculum. Some parents will choose independent schools because of their religious fourdation; because their children require or prefer to be boarders; because they wish their children to go to a single sex school or a coeducational school: because they like the size of the school, the particular strengths of the school, its location, its tradition or its

Whatever the reason, parents and children have a genuine choice when there is a system in place such as the Assisted Places Scheme. The adding again to the cost

ed that 55 per cent of people intending to vote Labour said they supported the scheme and nearly two thirds of those questioned believed there would still be a role for independent schools even if state schools achieved the same standards. In other words, what the new initiative ignores is the fact that people still favour choice for all when it comes to education.
Independent schools in the

of the maintained system.

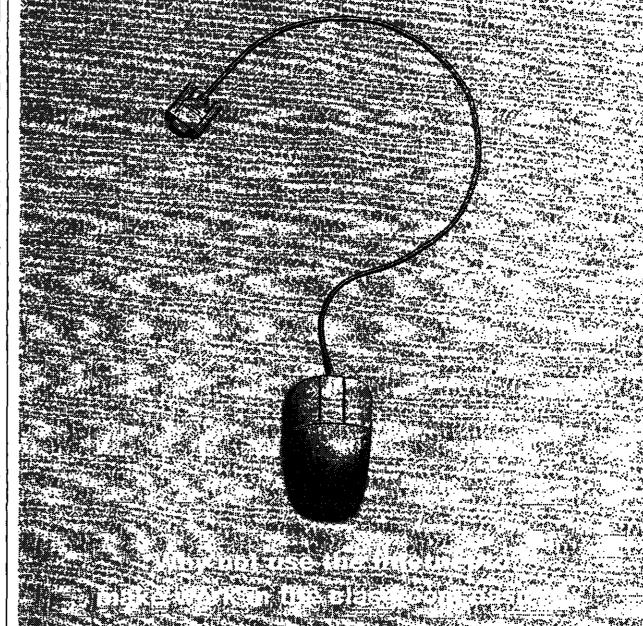
In 1996 a MORI poll indicat-

United Kingdom have supported the scheme even when the fees paid by the Government on behalf of the assisted place holders have not been increased in line with the full fees. It is not unusual for a school to be subsidising places to the tune of a six-figure sum so that the school remains open to all who would benefit.

I am sure that independent schools will refuse to be cut off from our modern, diverse pluralistic society. Independent schools which have pioneered community service will work even harder in these areas to ensure that pupils are aware of the needs and circumstances of those less fortunate than themselves. Links with primary schools, sometimes involving Saturday schools for pupils from the maintained sector, will continue to play an important part in the battery of links which exist between independent and

state schools. Schools will continue to offer bursaries and scholarships to enable children to experience what an independent school has to offer; they already pay out more in scholarships and bursaries than they receive from the financial benefits of charitable status. Just because we are independent does not mean we have to be exclusive and our doors will remain firmly open despite the pressure to slam them in our faces.

• The author is Headmaster of Kingston Grammar School.



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Injury threatens Weir's career

FRAN COTTON made it clear yesterday that the British Isles party expect disciplinary action to be taken by Mpumalanga officials over the foul play in Wirbank on Wednesday that ended Doddie Weir's tour and threatens his immediate future in the game. A scan of his knee revealed significant structural damage and the Scotland lock will require further specialist advice before undergoing sur-

gery. Weir, who will be replaced by Nigel Redman, the veteran Bath and England lock, was distraught. He had hoped that immobilisation of the knee over an eight-week period would suffice but Cotton, the Lions manager, said the damage suffered when Marius Bosman, the Mpumalanga lock, kicked him during the Lions 64-14 victory was far more serious than first thought. Weir will leave for home after the game here tomorrow against Northern Transvaal.

"If that player [Bosman] had been cited he would probably have had a minimum of 60 days' suspension." Cotton said. "My priority is that Lions squad players are appropriately protected by the referee. In my view there are certain incidents on a rugby field where there are no second chances for a player, and that was one of them."

Cotton believes that both Bosman and Elandre van der Berg, the other Mpumalanga lock, should be the subjects of disciplinary action and if that is not taken, one option would be to sue the offending union. Weir will lose a substantial proportion of his tour fee of £10,000 and there may be a question of compensation covered by the two-tier insurance policy adopted by the four home unions - to be paid to Newcastle, Weir's club. should he be unavailable in

the new season. Hennie Erasmus. the Mpumalanga president, and his executive committee were due to view the match video last night and Cotton expects punitive action. "There are probably a dozen incidents involving the same player of

stamping, punching, head-butting; he went through the whole repertoire," he said. "It

was sickening." Redman, 32, will join the Lions this morning, though his sudden departure will bring little pleasure to Jack Rowell, the England coach, as he prepares for the second international with Argentina in Buenos Aires tomorrow. Rowell has already conceded - with reluctance - Mike Catt to the Lions as a replacement for the injured Paul Grayson.

It is a singular honour for the willing Redman, first capped against Australia in 1984. The twentieth Englishman to be Lionised this summer, he is with England only because of Martin Bayfield's withdrawal from that tour, and the Lions need him because so many younger alternatives are injured. But his ability to perform is in no doubt, Bath being familiar with the style of rugby the

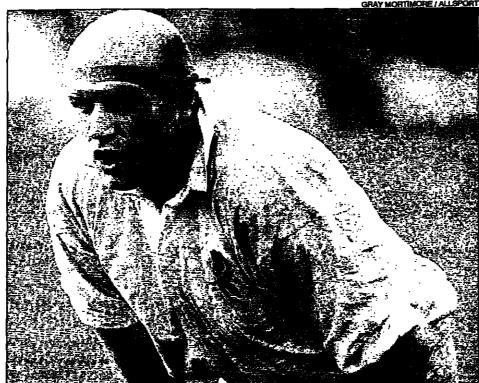
Meanwhile, the Lions will take the field at Loftus Versfeld tomorrow with yet another combination at back row. Eric Miller, recovering from a damaged cheekbone, plays his second tour game, at open-side flanker - Richard Hill being ruled out with a sore calf - and Scott Quinnell, recovered from a bruised shoulder, plays at No 8.

Jeremy Guscott and Alan Tait, one of four Newcastle players in the back division, resume a profitable partnership at centre, and Scott Gibbs, who damaged his ankle in the mud against Border. is fit enough to be among the replacements and eager to make up for lost time. Catt. who sees distinct similarities between the style of England's play in Argentina and that of the Lions, will also be on the

bench.

BRTISH ISLES XV (v Northern Transvaa).

tomorowy: T Stimpson (Newcastle and England); J Bentley (Newcastle and England), A Tart (Newcastle and Scotland), J Guscott (Bath and England), T Underwood (Newcastle and England), G Townsend (Northampton and Scotland), G Townsend (Northampton and Scotland), G Howeley (Cartiff and Weles), G Rowntree (Lecester and England), M Regen (Bristol and England), J Leonard (Hartequins and England), L Dallagtio (Wasps and England), adhenson (Lecester and England), captain), M Johnson (Lecester and England), E Millier (Lecester and Ireland), S Cuimnell (Richmond and Wales)



Redman will become the twentieth Englishman to join the 1997 Lions

Grewcock awarded first cap

FROM MARK SOUSTER IN BUENOS AIRES

TWO days before the second international against Argentina, an England tour that has been full of surprises took another unexpected twist yesterday when Jack Rowell, the coach, was forced to contend with the loss of another key element of his team, Nigel Redman, to the British Isles in South Africa and shuffle his deck. His ace, he hopes. will be Danny Grewcock, the Coventry lock forward, who will become the ninth new player to be capped on this

Grewcock, 24, 6ft 6in and 17st, leaps ahead of David Baldwin after an impressive performance against Cuyo on Tuesday, when he scored a try. The departure at such short notice of Redman is a serious blow, but will only harden England's resolve to

Before this latest turn of

events. England had contemplated only one enforced change to the team that finished the first international. Mark Mapletoft was selected at stand-off half in place of Mike Catt, who left Argentina on Monday to link up with the Lions, mainly because of the need for a reliable goal-kicker, although Alex King can count himself unlucky to

miss out. Mapletoft, 26, has taken in his stride the disappointment of missing four successive penalty attempts against Buenos Aires, any one of which would have ensured that England meet Argentina tomorrow with a 100 per cent tour

"It is a measure of how you react, and I had a good game against Argentina A." Maple-toft said. "The way this year has gone, if I was younger, I would be flabbergasted by

what has happened. I am pleasantly surprised to be capped and, after all, a cap is a

Phil de Glanville, the captain, said that it had been a close decision between the two players, "but a major factor is goal-kicking and that was the most important decision we had to take."

The team otherwise picked itself, although doubts remain about the fitness of Jim Mallinder, who remains at full back, Adedayo Adebayo and Kevin Yates, who are all receiving treatment.

ENGLAND: J Mallinder (Sale); J M Sleightholme (Bath), N J J Greenstock (Wasps), P R de Glerwille (Bath, captain), A Adebayo (Bath), 85 Mapletoth (Gloucester), K P P Bracken (Saracens), K Yates (Bath), R Cockentil (Leocester), D J Garofrith (Leocester), M Corry (Bristol), D J Greencock (Coventry), M Haag (Bath), B B Clarke (Richmond), A J Diprose (Saracers), Replacements: J E B Calard (Bath), A D King (Wasps), A C T Gomersall (Wasps), C M A Sheesby (Wasps),

RUGBY LEAGUE

Bulls lead charge for European credibility

IF THE arrival of London Broncos and Paris Saint-Germain in the Super League could not rid the sport of its small-town image, the start of the world dub championship today - no matter how unwieldy its format - surely will.

Nine hours and 12,000 miles separate the opening matches, between Brisbane Broncos and London Broncos, and St Helens and Auckland Warriors, tonight. Compared with St Helens, one of the game's founders, the three other clubs are striplings: young, ambitious and, in Brisbane's case, hugely successful exponents of a sport that lacked roots but does not want for popularity

in Queensland. Neither do Adelaide, newcomers this year, boast a history in rugby league, yet a 20,000 crowd is expected on Sunday to greet Salford. The same day in Paris, Hunter Mariners, another new franchise, launch their quest.

POOL B: Adelaide Rams, Pentr Reds, North Queenstand Cowboys, Hunter

the tourth-placed European finisher in pool A. FRST PHASE (June 6-23). June 6: "St Hetens v Auckland, Brisbane v Lordon, June 7: North Queensland v Leeds June 8: Paris v Humer, Castelloid v Perhr, "Wamnigton v Cronulla: "Adelaide v Settord: Canberra v Halfax June 9: "Bradford v Perhr, "Bradford v Humter, Adelaide v Leeds June 14: "Bradford v Humter Adelaide v Leeds June 14: "Bradford v Auckland; North Queensland v Okinam, June 15: Wamnigton v Pernrith, "Sheffleid v Perhr, "Canberra v London, Centerbury v Halfax, June 16: "St Helens v Cronulla: "Brisbane v Wigan June 20: Bradford v Cronulla, Sheffleid v Hunter, Adelaide v Okinam, June 21: "St Helens v Pernrith: Sheffleid v Humter, Adelaide v Okinam, June 22: "St Helens v Pernrith:



Those two fixtures, among the 67 before the Visa-sponsored championship reaches a finale in Australia on October 18, encapsulate the sense of adventure, with teams not even on nodding terms criss-crossing the globe to rub shoulders. The like of the event may

not be seen again. Next year, rival Super League and Australian League (ARL) competitions will probably be united and the world club championship is likely to become an end-ol-season competition for the elite.

For all the bravado, a world championship without ARL players does not justify its billing, just as the victorious Australia team, minus its Super League players, was not the real thing in the 1995

"Canberra v Wigen; Brisbane v Haiifax, June 29: "Warrington v Auckland; "Canterbury v London SECOND PHASE (Lity 18-August 4): July 18: "Leads v Adelaude; Oldhem v North Queensland; Penrith v Warrington, July 19: Parth v Shaffield July 20: Hailiax v Canterbury, "Wigen v Brisbane; Auckland v Bradford, Hunter v Castledon, July 21: "London v Canberra, Cronulla v St. Helens, July 25: "Oldham v Adelalde; Auckland v St. Helens, July 25: "Oldham v Adelalde; Auckland v St. Helens, July 25: "Cidham v Adelalde; Auckland v St. Helens, July 26: Cronulla v Warrington, July 27: Heiliax v Canberra; "London v Brisbane; Sallord v North Queensland; Hunter v Paris; Perth v Castleford, July 28: "Wigen v Canterbury; Pernith v Bradford, August 1: "London v Canterbury; Perth v Paris, Sallord v Canterbury; Pernith v Paris, Perth v Paris, Perth v Canterbury; Pernith v Paris, Paris v V Paris, Paris v Pa

Second-prises matches from Australes to the confirmed INNOCKOUT PHASE: August 12 or 13: European play-off; Fourth place pool A v winners pool B. Optober 4-5: European quarter-finels: Match A: Winners European quarter-finels: Match C. Fourth place Australesian pool A Australesian pool A stratesian pool A Australesian pool A v European play-off winners Match D: Second place Australesian pool A v European play-off winners Match D: Second place Australesian pool A v Third place European pool A Semi-finals: October 1-12: European semi-finel: Winners Match A v Winners Match B Australesian semi-finel: Winners Match D Finel: October 18 (Sydney or Brisbane). PRIZE-MONEY: Winners E000,000. Runners-Up: 2250,000. Losing semi-finelistix: C150,000 each.

World Cup. The fear is that half of Australia's best will still be too good for the European game and that a few one-off wins must suffice.

Four European sides are guaranteed a way out of the qualification maze into the quarter-finals. There is potential for some serious mismatches, and the first threeweek phase must gain enough credibility to carry interest into the second series of group games in July and August. No. matter how much more powerful and pacy the Australasian sides appear, softer ground and the different interpretation of the play-the-ball rules in Europe should slow

them down. Starting at Odsal, a physical Bradford Bulls side will take some stopping by Penrith, Cronulla and Auckland. Should they gain sufficient points for a home quarterfinal draw, the Bulls can confound those who predict an all-Australian final. Rested and hopefully back to fitness, Robbie Paul can provide the spark for such performers as Graeme Bradley, Steve Mc-Namara and Stuart Spruce to lluminate a global stage.

Wigan start the hard way, away at Canterbury, Brisbane and Canberra, led by Andy Farrell, one of a handful of survivors from victory in the World Challenge in Brisbane in 1994. Farrell, playing the best rugby of his life, is the key to Wigan ruffling a few Australian feathers. A match at home to Auckland tonight is some way for Jason Johnson. 18, to make his first home appearance, alongside Bobbie Goulding, at half back for St Helens, who are confident of reversing their recent form.

To have got the project running is a triumph of logistics and the fulfilment of the vision brought by the Super League revolution. However manufactured it might seem. there are too many shownieces Brisbane v Wigan, Bradford v Cronulla. St Helens v Penrith — for the competition not to be compelling. Moreover, no Australian sportsman can feel safe in England right

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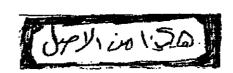
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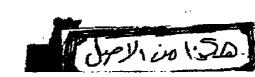
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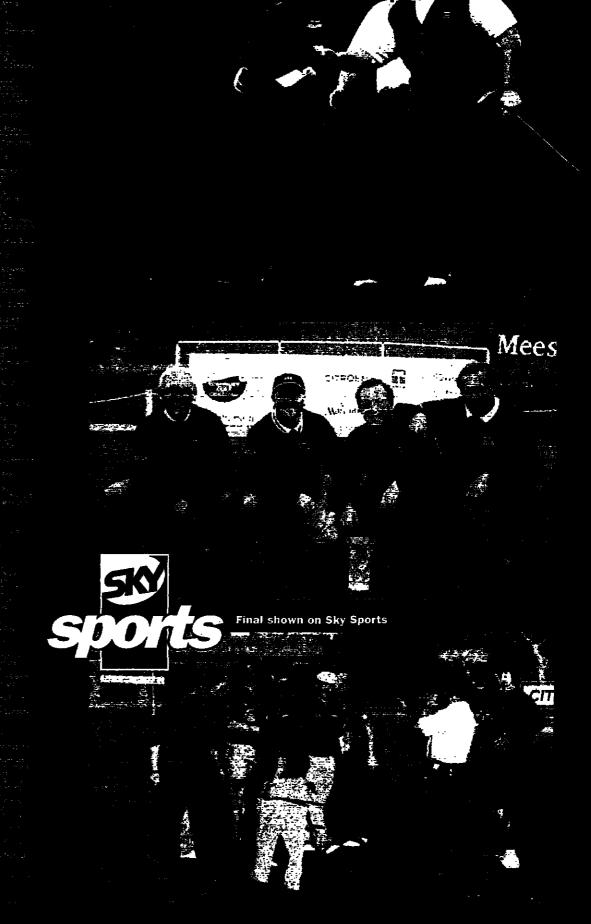


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Yashmak's stamina to win the day

By RICHARD EVANS, RACING CORRESPONDENT

THE clock never lies and the standard time of 2min 35sec for the mile-and-a-half course at Epsom offers a home truth which can lead to a surprise outcome in the Vodafone Oaks

when compared to the time taken by horses to complete a similar distance at the 36 other British tracks which stage Flat racing, it is the slowest of all - by several seconds in some cases, including Newmarket where the average is 2min

This confirms that trip of 12 furlongs at Epsom, with a stiff uphill climb for the first halfmile, places more emphasis on stamina than any other course - and that could provide the key to this afternoon's classic.

Reams Of Verse, the oddson favourite, is the clear form choice after her record-breaking II lengths success in the Musidora Stakes at York 24 days ago.

An interpretation of the form and time of that performance on the Knavesmire is markedly better than any-thing achieved by her II rivals. However, that sparkling display came over an extended mile and a quarter on one of the least demanding grade one tracks and against inferior

Will Reams Of Verse be able to carry that speed over today's extra distance on a far more testing track against better rivals? Henry Cecil, her Newmarket trainer, is confident she can. Timeform, the respected turf authority, is also bullish. "Runs as if will stay one and a half miles." it states. However, a close examination of her breeding

raises serious doubts. Reams Of Verse was sired by Nureyev, the disqualified

1980 2,000 Guineas winner, who at stud has proved an influence for speed. Admittedly, he is responsible for last Sunday's impressive French Derby winner, Peintre Cele-bre, but the André Fabre-trained colt almost certainly inherited his staying powers from his dam, who was a

By contrast, Modena, the dam of Reams Of Verse, is from a family of fast horses. Mofida, her dam, won eight times at up to seven furlongs and is the granddam of the brilliant Zafonic, as well as Reams Of Verse. Wold Lass, the granddam of Modena and thus third dam of Reams Of Verse, was also a sprinter, as

RICHARD EVANS

Nap: Sweet Wilhelmina (4.35 Epsom) Next best: Samara (5.10 Epsom)

was Cheb, the fourth dam, who won eight times over five

Modena herself never raced and although she transmits some stamina — probably inherited from Roberto, her sire — she has produced offspring best at distances short of a mile and a half. Elmaamul, the 1990 Eclipse Stakes winner, is a good example and failed to stay in the Derby despite being by Diesis, more of an influence

for stamina than Nureyev. Notwithstanding doubts about pedigree, there have been occasions when fillies of previously doubtful stamina such as Balanchine and Unite - have obliged in the

Oaks, but neither was an odds-on shot like Reams Of Verse. Balanchine, for her part, went on to prove her stamina when winning the Irish Derby.

In the circumstances, I prefer the each-way claims of Yashmak, a stable companion of Reams Of Verse, who deserves to be named Made For Epsom.

Her dam, Slightly Dangerous, who has produced Commander In Chief, the 1993 Derby winner, and Dushyantor, runner-up in last year's race, was runner-up herself in the Oaks, as was her grandmother, Where You Lead, while her great granddam. Noblesse, won the Oaks by ten lengths in 1963.

After disappointing in the Guineas, Yashmak bounced back to trounce the useful Tempting Prospect at Newbury over a mile and a quarter three weeks ago. Provided there is a strong pace to expose the favourite's stamina limitations, she will go close. Any overnight rain would

Crown Of Light will have her supporters after a gutsy victory in the Lingfield Oaks Trial, but the form does not amount to much and her two victories have come in slowlyrun races.

A much bigger danger, at decent odds, is the stoutlybred and twice-raced Ebadiyla, owned by the Aga Khan and trained by John

An easy winner of a maiden at the Curragh in April, she was then beaten only two short heads against colts in the Derby Trial at Leopardstown. for which she was sent off favourite. She should relish today's extra quarter-mile.



Reams Of Verse is odds on to land the Vodafone Oaks at Epsom today

in demand as 14 left in Derby ENTREPRENEUR was left

Fahris and

The Fly

with 13 Derby rivals to contend with at yesterday's 48hour declaration deadline. Tomorrow's Epsom classic will thus have the smallest field since Generous triumphed over 12 opponents in

The only defectors were Saced bin Suroor's Stowaway and, as expected, the Luca Cumani-trained Grapeshot. Explaining Stowaway's ab-sence, Godolphin's racing manager. Simon Crisford said yesterday: "Stowaway wasn't quite right this morn-

ing. His action was not 100 per cent so we could not run him." Crisford reported that Godolphin's remaining hope. Bold Demand, the mount of Frankie Dettori, was in excel-

lent shape. Entrepreneur, the 5-4 on favourite, was drawn 13, a starting position from which Kahyasi was successful in

The lucky stall ten, from which five of the last II winners have emerged, has

gone to Fahris. Entrepreneur's domination of the ante-post betting has never wavered since his impressive 2,000 Guineas success, but the activity yesterday involved punters seeking

each-way value. The Fly, one of two Barry Hills-trained runners, was the

Tomorrow The Times publishes a full colours guide to the Derby runners and riders. Richard

Evans assesses the opposition to Entrepreneur while Julian Muscat meets Michael Tabor, jointowner of the favourite for the Epsom classic.

focus of attention. The mount of Ray Cochrane, he soared over several rivals in the market as William Hill cut him from 33-1 to 20-1. The firm also shaved Benny

The Dip from 8-1 to 7-1, Fahris 10-i (from 12-i), Romanov 28-i (from 40-i) and Musalsal 33-I (from 40-1). The second favourite, Silver Patriarch, is out to 13-2 from 11-2.

The Derby betting has been frantic since this morning's declarations," the William Hill spokesman, David Hood, said yesterday. "We have laid nearly every horse in the book."

"The best-backed horses have been Fahris, The Fly and Romanov, but the drying ground is turning punters off Silver Patriarch and at this stage we can't give him away."

Epsom officials expect the ground to be as near perfect as possible and opted to maintain their watering policy as the predicted rain passed west of the Surrey

track. William Hill's prices are as follows: 4-5 Entrepreneur, 13-2 Silver Patriarch, 7-1 Benny The Dip. 10-1 Cloudings (from 8-I), Fahris, 20-I The Fly, 25-I Bold Demand (from 20-1), 25-1 Symonds Inn. 28-1 Romanov, 33-1 Musalsal, 40-1 Single Empire, 100-1 Crystal Hearted (from 66-l), Tanaasa (from 66-l), 200-l Papua (from IS0-l).

Singspiel poised to extend big-race sequence



TODAY'S RACES ON TELEVISION

EPSOM CHANNEL 4

2.10: Dance Trick was strongly fancied when making her debut at" Newbury 20 days ago and battled gamely to justify favouritism having been headed a furlong out. The form of that truly run race was boosted when fourth-placed Lady In Waiting won at Leicester on Monday. She is sure to improve and can follow up here.

Banningham Blade has progressed with every run and, after finishing second to Pool Music in a listed. race at Sandown ten days ago, should benefit from a first attempt at six fur-

2.45: Like his trainer, Singspiel has progressed as he has got older. Runner-up in this race last year, he subsequently won the Japan Cup last autumn and the Dubai Cup this spring. His sire, In The Wings, won this race in 1990 and the Michael Stoute-trained five-year-old can emulate him and complete a remarkable treble of middle distance successes.

Dushyantor, runner-up in the Derby and St Leger last year, should ensure a decent gallop on his seasonal reappearance but may lack a finishing kick over this distance. Oscar Schindler will be all the better for finishing second to Dance Design over an inadequate trip at the Curragh 12 days ago and looks the main danger.

3.20: The well handicapped. Cosmic Prince should like this track having made all to win at Brighton last year, but he may find it difficult to dominate from a moderate draw. Sharp Temper was given an easy time once beaten at Doncaster behind Peartree House and is the type to progress in handicaps. However, the Stoute-trained Great Child is handily drawn in stall four and looks the percentage call after winning a competitive handicap at Chester and finishing a close second in a fast-run race at

York. Assume, coming out of stall one, has plenty of speed and relishes fast ground. Gee Bee Dream appeared to show improved form when winning a shade comfortably at Lingfield 20 days ago.

4.00: See left. RICHARD EVANS

28/1 Book At Bedtime

28/1 Gazelle Royale

66/1 Bint Baladee

40/1 Attitre

BIG-RACE LINE-UP

4.00 VODAFONE OAKS (Group I: 3-Y-0 fillies; £182,250: 1m 4l 10vd) (12 runners) (12) 54-022 ATTITRE 19 (F) (R Pladger) C British 9-0..... (b | Mitoto - Aquaglaw) (Light green, red striped sleeves, yellow 2463-1 BINT BALADEE 32 (G) (Godolphin) S bin Surror 9-0 (b I Nashwan - Sahara Baladee) (Royal blue) 42 BOOK AT BEDTEME 27 (R Cycer) C Cycer 9-0 (b / Mtoto - Akila) (Yellow, black disc, black & yellow check cap) 1-41 CROWN OF LIGHT 27 (G,S) (Sheith Mohammed) M Stoute 9-0 O Position

Mitoto - Russian Countess) (Maroon, white steaves, maroon cap, white star) 13 EBADIYLA 26 (BF,G) (H Aga Kitani J Oxx (Int) 9-0 J Murtagh 86 0313-3 ETCILE 24 (F) (I S Racing) P Chapple-Hyam 9-0 (ca l kris – La Luna (tellow, coyal blue chevron, royal blue à yel (9) 0413-3 GAZELLE ROYALE 19 (G) (D Thompson) J E Hammond (Fr) 9-0 J Fortune 89

(b i Garde Royale - Beautywali (Red, white epaulots, white steeves, red armiets) 2-55 IMPERIAL SCHOLAR 37 (Mr & Mrs M Keet) J Einbace 9-0 R Cockwane 77 (b / Royal Academy - Last Ball) (Pink, black & white hooped sk (6) 111-61 REAMS OF VERSE 24 (F.G.S) (K Abdulla) H Cacil 9-0 K Fallon (2)

(ch I Nureyev - Modona) (Green, pink sash & cap, white sleeves) 35-1 SIYADAH 33 (V,G) (Godo/phin) S bin Sunor 9-0 L Dettori 79 (cn / Mr Prospector - Roseste Term) (Royal blue) 13 UKRAINE VENTURE 27 (BF,F) (F Chan) 5 Woods 9-0 W Ryen 85 (b.t Stip Anchor - Shertraine) (White, red chevron, rayal blue steaves, red cap): (7) 1.2-07 YASHIMAK 21 (G,S) (A Aboula) H Cecil 9-0 ... M J Kinano 8

(b f Danzig - Stightly Dangerous) (Green, pink sash & cap, whee sleeves) FTIPMS; 4-5 Reams OI Verse, 9-2 Yashmak, 8-1 Ebadiyia, Siyadah, 10-1 Crown OI Light, 25-1 Gazalle I aine Venture, 33-1 Book A: Bectime, 40-1 Athine, 66-1 Bior Balades, Elonie, 200-1 Imperial Schotar 1996; LADY CARLA 9-0 Pat Eddery (100-30) H Cecil 11 ran

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BETTING: 7-4 Dance Yndi. 4-1 Bayungham Blado, 11-2 Smooth Salong, 13-2 Archier Farlasy 8-1 Truto Teller. 10-1 Flaming Ember, Conects, 16-1 Narrogin.

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FORM FOCUS

2.10 Dance Trick

2.45 Dushyantor

3.20 Great Child

4.00 REAMS OF VERSE.

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2.10 VODATA WOODCOTE STAKES

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(Listed race: 2-Y-O. £16.938; 6f) (8 runners)

TOTE JACKPOT MEETING

The Times Private Handicapper's top rating:

Our Newmarket Correspondent: 2.45 Singspiel

GOING GOOD (GOOD TO FIRM IN BACK STRAIGHT)

3.20 GREAT CHILD (nap). 4.00 Reams Of Verse.

4.00 Yashmak

4,35 Sylvan Princess

5.10 SÁMARA (nap)

5.40 Dream Of Nurmi

course and distance winner. BF — bester lavourite in talest (see) Going on which horse has won (F — Birm, good to Birm, hard G — good.

ion (6), 8mm) ANOTHER FANTASY 5141 4th of 5 to Nadesh in conditions race at Newbury (5) 34rd, good to soft). DANICE TRICK beat Alig Cancer short-head in maden at Newbury (6) soft) CONECTIS 27 2nd of 7 to Bluendge Danicer in conditions states at Acont (5), good to 8mm) with BANNINGHAM BLADE (1th worse off) neck 3rd. Selection: CONECTIS

No favouritism

WITH Reams Of Verse con-

tinuing to dominate the

Vodafone Oaks betting, Coral

has opened a book betting without the odds-on favourite.

Yashmak is quoted at 15-8. followed by 9-2 Crown Of

Light, Ebodiyla, Siyadah, 10-1

Ukraine Venture, 16-1 Book At

Bedtime, 20-1 Attire, Gazelle Royale, 25-1 Etoile, Bint

Baladee. 66-1 Imperial

DRAW: NO ADVANTAGE

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COMPREHENSIVE FORM GUIDE TO THE 12 CLASSIC CONTENDERS

May 18, San Siro, good. (8-11) 11 2nd to Nicole Pharty (8-11) (1m 3t, group J, £130,832, 9 May 4. Newmarket: see Siyadah.

Apr 18, Newbury, good to firm: (9-0) 18i last to Dance Parade (9-0) (7f 64yd, group III, £20.400). BINT BALADEE

May 5, Kempton, good: (8-11) beat Selfish (8-11) head (1m, mdn, Σ 3,063, 12 ran). Nov 8, 1996, Doncaster, soft: (8-9) about 11 3rd to Handsome Ridge (9-0) (71, mdn, £4,534, 20 Oct 26, 1996, Newbury: see Etolie.

BOOK AT BEDTIME

May 10, Lingfield: see Crown Of Light. Apr 25, Sandown: see Ukraine Venture. **CROWN OF LIGHT**

May 10, Lingfield, soft (8-8) beat Book At Bedtime (8-8) 11 with Ultraine Venture (8-8) 81 3rd (1m 3f 106yd, listed, Σ12,464, 5 ran) May 4, Newmarket see Siyadah.

Aug 12, 1996, Leicester, good: (8-11) beat Ciro's Peart (8-11) head (7f, auction maiden, £3,371, 13

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421-4 RESTLESS SPRRT 20 (S) (Sheith Mohammed) M Janes 16-8 J Wesner
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BETTING: 7-2 Great Chird, 11-2 Steeders, 7-1 Costner Prince, 10-1 Assame Sharp Temper, Sharim, Zama, 14-1 Ger Ber Dream, Jebrey Anotherted, Plan For Prolif., 16-1 others 1998: POLAR PRINCE B-11 F Lynch (6-1 _{II}-Lyn) M. James 12 can

FORM FOCUS

RUNNERS AND RIDERS - SEE ABOVE

COURSE SPECIALISTS

Ryafan leads British raid

AFTER yesterday's acceptance stage. 13 fillies are left in the Prix de Diane (French Oaks) at Chantilly on Sunday. John Gosden's Prix Marcel Boussac winner. Ryafan, is among the field, as is

the stable's Khassah. The home team is headed by Always

Loyal, Criquette's Head French 1,000 Guineas winner.

off) %1 on 16-moner handscap at Chester (71 122 yel, sort) with RETURN OF AMON (11th better off) about 494 (9h. SLEPPLESS beat Trading Ace: 134 by 14-maner handscap at Newbury (71 694), sort). SOMG OF SXYC about 194 5th of 9 to that Line in handscap at Sandoner (71, good to family PLAM FOR PROPET beat Syres And Wonder's head in handscap at Sandoner (71, good to family Selection; GEE BEE DREAM

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BETTING: 4-5 Singspiel 9-2 Dischyantor 6-1 Oscar Schindler 8-1 Le Destin, 10-1 Eta-Austekrali

2.45 VODAFONE CORONATION CUP (Group I: £113,895: 1m 4! 10yd) (5 runners)

3.20 PEOPLES PHONE HANDICAP

(3-Y-0: £25,078: 7l) (17 runners)

Long bandican, Return Ol Amen 7-3

TRAINERS

ZABAA short-head 2nd of 7 to Captain Collins in francicap at Goodwood (7), spood with BAPILLSE (SIb bette of) 81-1 Sh and RIDD'S PET (9b better of) 241 28; COSSAIC PRINCE 241 3nd of 12 to Straitmone Clear in handcap at Warnerd (1m. good to from 4m) 7JBBAS (35) wrise (7) 44 45 AS-SUME boot Hore to Howe 71 in 4-numer auction number at Longlest (1m. 477) March 37 GREAT CHILD beat JETREY ANOTHERRED (6b) better

4.00 VODAFONE GAKS (Group I: 3-Y-0 fillies. £182,250; 1m 4f 10yd) (12 numers)

EBADIYLA

May 11, Leopardstown, yielding to soft: (8-8) two short-heads 3rd to Ashley Park (8-11) (1m 2f, group III, £27,000, 7 ran). Apr 12, Curragh, good: (8-11) beat Dr Johnson (9-0) 4l (1m 2f, mdn, £3,425, 11 ran) ETOILE

May 13, York: see Reams Of Verse Oct 26, 1996. Newbury, soft (8-11) about 1l 3rd to Boojum (8-8) with Birt Baladee (8-8) about 5% l 6th (7f 64yd, listed, £10.235, 9 ran). Sep 20, 1996, Newbury, good to firm: (8-8) beat My Valentia (8-8) 2½ with Siyadah (8-8) 5½ 5th (7f. cond, £6,416, 9 ran).

GAZELLE ROYALE

May 18, Longchamp, heavy: (9-0) about 4l 3rd to Brilliance (9-0) (1m 2f, group I, £56,128, 7 ran) Oct 22, 1996, Deauville, good to soft: (8-9) 5l 3rd to Mousse Glacee (8-9) (1m, group III, £28,986, 9 Sep 24, 1996, Evry, good: (8-6) beat Shine On Me (9-3) 3I (1m, cond. £9,223, 8 ran).

IMPERIAL SCHOLAR

Apr 30, Ascot, good to firm, (8-11) 10 last to Noisette (8-11) (1m, cond, £8.134 5 ran). Nosette (8-17) (1m. cond, £8.134 3 ran).

Apr 15, Newmarket, good: (8-9) about 5 % 5 in to Reunion (8-9) (71. group III. £19,188, 10 ran)

Aug 24, 1996, Newmarket, good to soft. (8-9) 1 % 1 2nd to Desert Story (9-0) (61, mdn, £4,152, 6 ran).

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YASHMAK

May 16, Newbury, good to soft; (8-9) best Tempting Prospect (8-9) 9f (1m 2f, Isted, £12.315, 4 ran). May 4, Newmarket: see Reams Of Verse. Oct 6, 1995, Longchamp, good to soft; (8-11) head 2nd to Ryatan (8-11) (1m, group I, £105,402, 13

May 13, York, good: (8-11) beat Vagabond Chanteuse (8-8) 11i with Etoile (8-8) 11i and head 3rd (1m 2f 85yd, group III, £26,048, 10 ran). May 4, Newmarket, good: (9-0) about 77 6th to Sleepytime (9-0) with Yashmak (9-0) 22i 14th (1m. group I, £104,730, 15 ran).
Sep 29, 1996, Ascot, good: (8-10) beat Khassah (8-10) 14i (1m. group 1, £91,840, 8 ran).

May 4, Newmarket, good: (8-8) beat Attitre (8-8) ¼/ with Crown Of Light (8-8) about 5¼/ 4th (1m 2f, istd, £12,428, 9 ran).

3rd to Fleet River (8-11) (7f. mdn, £4,581, 7 ran).

May 10, Lingfield, see Crown Of Light. Apr 25, Sandown, good to firm: (8-7) beat Alcalali (8-11) 10l with Book At Bedtime (8-7) about 13l 4th (1m 2f, mdn, £3,994, 11 ran).

Sep 20, 1996, Newbury: see Etolie.

UKRAINE VENTURE

Selection: REAMS OF VERSE (nan)

REAMS OF VERSE

SIYADAH

1996: MBULWA 10-7-12 6 Carles (25-1) R Falley 16 ran

FORM FOCUS

STAR TALENT 31-1 4th of 11 to Gold Spats in handkap at Goodwood (1m. good). CREMA PA-RADISO about 69-1 5th of 19 to 13 year in handkap at case at for 71 goods.

ORANGE PLACE 41 2nd of 17 to Hurtleberry in best Carbutton 39-1 in 17-retner handkap at least 15 to 15

4.35 VODAFONE HANDICAP

(£17,994: 1m 114yd) (19 runners)

Cap at York 171 goods.

ORANGE PLACE 41 2nd of 17 to Hurlieberry in beat Carburton 33-1 in 1 handscap at Goodwood (Inc. good) with TREMPLIN 1 Leichest (Inc. good) 441 better off) 844 8th. LA MODISTE beat Selection: STAR TALENT

5.10 VODACALL VICTRESS STAKES (Listed race: £24,281: 1m 114yd) (7 runners)

1996; DONNA VIOLA 4-9-6 W Woods (9-1) C Wall I1 ran FORM FOCUS

FATERULLY beal Scarlet Flume 13rl in 12-minist leated race at Ascip (1m. good) och 96. CHAR-LOTTE CORNAY His Ind of 5 to Papering a listed race at York (1m 2 RSyd, good). SAMARA 291 and of 17 to Incatable in bradican at Sandows (1m. good) och 1 to Reserve at Hughleid (7l. soft) MARIE DORA heal Mount Holly 51 in 12-mine shaden at Kengloon (1m. good) selection: OUT WEST

5.40 VODACOM TOKYO TROPHY HANDICAP

-U. £ 16, 40U. 1 m 21 18y0 (10 rUnners)

(6) 32-125 FLY TO THE STARS 34 (F) (P Savit) M Johnston 9-7

(7) 222-21 JALINTY JACK 36 (D.F) M Marcheni L Curran 9-5

(8) 06-121 SUPPLY AND DEMAND 27 (C.G.S) (Action G), Moore 9-3

(9) 21-6 ISE GF MAR IS (F) (P H Price Faire Salters) F Core 9-11

(9) 1011 STRATHANDRE CLEAR 32 (F) (Food Boots: Lid) G Levy 8-10

(9) 21 CHEF MONARCH 16 (Mex. N Johnst) B Smart 8-9

(1) 42-21 REMER'S SOURCE 50 (D.F) (A Modula) B Helb 8-6

(3) 42-24 DREMM OF MORMI 15 (C Brazner) D Lotte 8-5

(9) 90-5 ARRICON PETE 32 (F Locke) M Stoute 8-1

(6) -23321 MR PARADISE 2 (F) (G Archen) T Naughton 7-10 (4c+)

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T Outron 97
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M Heavy (3) Long bandiçap: Mr Paradise 7-2

BETTING 4-1 River's Source, 11-2 Straitmony Clear, Dream OI Norm, 13-3 Supply And Demand, 8-1 Fly To The Stars, Japany Jack, 16-1 Isle Of Man, Chief Monarch, 12-1 others 1996. SPIRITO LIBRO 7-6 M Band (6-1) C Alten 17 can

FORM FOCUS

FLY TO THE STARS short-head 2nd of 7 to Lif's Bry in Irried race at Leogradistant (life, good), preneurally beat RIVER'S SOURCE (15th better off) 7 in 8-uses readen at Docuseise (Inc., good to firm), JALRITY JACK beat Source Sample 444 in 7-name based race at Son Siro (1 m 21, good to firm) SUPPLY AND DEBILAND beat Steep Face 13/1 at 6-namer handrap at Limpheld (firm 1), soft). ISLE OF MAN best Hundsight 2 in 11-runner auction mad-en at Sandown (//l. good by Sem) Johy 36. STRATHMORE CLEAR byst Bolan Terry 1961 in 12-runne handscap at Wannesk (Im., good to Lem) on perudinade start RIMER'S SOURCE best Sen-cruss. 6th short-head in 19-runner handscap at Normarier (Im. 21, good to firm) Selection. PLY 10 THE STARS

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GOING: GOOD TO FIRM DRAW: 5F-7F, LOW NUMBERS BEST

2.35 EBF NOVICE STAKES (2-Y-0: £3,093: 5f) (4 runners) 1 1256 VUNG BRIS 20 (D.F) Franc 9-2 2 213 BRANSTON BERRY 15 (D.S) J Eye 8-11 Ruspon 1 3 351 ALWAYS LUCKY 18 (D.G) J Berry 8-9 P Fessey (3) 2 4 341 BASY SRAND 7 (CD,F) T Salon 8-9 Kimberley Hat (7) 1 11-10 Branston Berry, 3-1 Always Luchy, 4-1 Young Brit 11-2 Bath, Grand

₹3.05 JERVAULX HANDICAP (3-Y-0: \$2,635: 5f) (13)

-Y-D: \$2,635: 5f) (13)

1 -000 ICE AGE 18 (D.F) R Williams 9.7

2 0-52 NORTHERN SAL 7 (D.5) Mg5 L Perat 9-1

4 0005 BOLD BRIEF 9 (B.D.F) U Sman 8-11

5 -322 GODL BDIEF 6 (BF) M Sman 8-11

6 000- FNY-O-FFTY 231 J Eva 5-2

8 0000 ENNE 6 (BF) M Sman 1-0

1 Fegan 6

9 0006 STAR OF THE ROAD 9 J Carl 9-5

10 0000 BATTISMAL ROCK 28 B CHEY 6-1

11 60-4 ALISADARA 11 N FYOOR 8-1

12 0005 WALDAR'S WELL 32 (B BF) N W Exsterty 7-1

13 6-46 FORMOABLE SPIRIT 14 (N M Heaton-tim 7-1)

14 Gold Edge, 4-1 Trator 1 Surprise 5-1 Nottness 5al 6-1 Connectio, 7-1 Bo 11-4 Gold Edge, 4-1 Turker's Surprice 5-1 Northern Sal 6-1 Connectur, 7-1 Bold Brief, 8-1 Star Of The Road, 10-1 Walliam's Well 12-1 others

3.40 scorton claiming stakes (3-Y-0. £2,425; 1m 51 175yd) (6) 1 3615 TYCOON TINA 10 (5) W Birchourne 5-12 2 0034 EPORRIE 9 In Crancon 8-8 3 9-50 SLIVER BUTTON 58 5 Nethborid 6-7 4 5 DOWN HEARTED 15 W Farth 9-5 5 0- AURT DAPHIE 227 B McMahon 8-0 6 45-5 ZANABAY 143 W Store 7-12

J Brambin (5) 4 J F Egan 6 R Hierich (5) 5 P Fessey (3) 3 I Sized (5) 1 N Kennedy 2 4-5 Eponete 9-4 Tycoon Iron 6-1 Zinessay, 12-1 Silver Bullon 16-1 Aunt Dispane.

4.10 LESLIE PETCH HANDICAP (£2,742: 1m 3f 214yd) (G)

SIS

1 0032 LAPULAPU (BEF) M Catacho 4-9-10 . L Chamock 5 2 00-0 ZAMMARIER 9 (V.G) W Store; 6-9-6 . R Firsch (5) 4 2 00-6 MAJAL 10 (D FG) J Wannergy 8-9 5 . J Brannini (5) 2 4-910 COURSE RESING 232 (D.F) R McMahan 6-8 71 . L Newton 7 6 600- ARE 256 B Catty 5-8-7 6-4 Lips Lips, 4-1 And 4-7 Zambatech 11-2 Cottage Prince, 7-1 Course February, 70-1 Lips

4.45 ELLERY HILL APPRENTICES RATING RELATED MAIDEN STAKES (£2.067·7i) (8)

1 030 BLADNIG BAP 172J Mer. J. Jordon 4-9-4 2 06-6 BELBAY STAR 10 J Ews 4-9-1 3 2000 SERAP1 1 Mer. L. Saubox 4-9-1 4 2350 CAPTAIN CARPARTS 14 J Few 3-8-8 5 5603 HIGH SPRITS 10 (8) T Extratoy 3-8-8 6 000 HEVER GOLF AMERIL 26 P Incitan 3-8-5 7 0-55 HONG KONG EXPRESS 8 (V) J Berry 18-5 8 20-0 APPRIANY 15 M JUNICIAN 3-8-5 9-4 High Spirit, 3-1 Hong Rong Erpress. 4-1 Captain Carpars. 7-1 Bethay Stat. Appairty, 8-1 Hever Golf Angel. 12-1 Blazing Imp. Scrape

5.20 SCOTCH CORNER HANDICAP (£2,937, 5l 212yd) (12)

1 1214 FOIST 20 (C.D.BF.G.S) M W Easterby S-18-0 2 40-0 BRECONGEL LAD 10 (V.D.F.G) Mcs S Half 5-9-11 3 135 SUPERBIT 188 (D.B.F.G.) 8 McMahon 5-9.5
4 05-0 JRST DASDENT 6 (D.F.G.) 8 Whitake 5-9.4
5 6420 TROPICAL 85 4014 (D.B.F.G.) J Borry 4-9.4
6 Paphote (F) 9 (J.E.G.) 8 to Thompson 1-9.3
7 Williams 11
7 250 McLESIME 28 (F) M Wate 5-8-10 Pressy (S) 6
9 5603 MAPOLEON STAR 4 (B.D.F.G.) 5 Borry 6-9.4
9 0-00 SOMDERISE 27 (CD.F.G.S.) N Trainer 8-9.5
10 0562 CAMMARKUR 4 (B.D.F.) 1 Textory 4-8.3
11 -000 PATHAZE 15 (D. N Byood 4-7-11 Chambar 8
12 00-0 MADAM ZANDO 15 J Baiding 4-7-10
13 J Lowe 5 7-3 Ford 9-7 Tropical Beach 5-1 Gyers Figs. 7-1 Consonness 8-1 Biocongili Lao Supernit, 10-1 Napoleon Star Sonderice 12-1 others

COURSE SPECIALISTS TRAINERS: R. Williams, 3 witness from 10 numbers, 30 0%, M. Channott, 9 from 40 22.5%, N. Trailer, 5 from 23, 27 7%, J. Benry, 27 from 182, 14 8%, 1. Barron, 10 from 69, 14 5%, JOCKEYS, J. F. Egan, 4 wangs; from 19 rides, 21.1%, L. Mewton, 4 from 19, 21.1%, P. J. Fessey, 5 from 41, 12.2%, R. Lappin, 4 from 38, 10.5%. Only qualifiers

SOUTHWELL

THUNDERER 2.20 Bentico. 2.55 Sedbergh. 3.25 Racing Heart. 3.55 Keen Companion. 4.25 Lasham. 4.55 Time To

GOING: STANDARD DRAW: NO ADVANTAGE

2.20 CHEETAH HANDICAP (\$2,277: 71) (16 nunners)

[\$2,277: 71] (16 minners)

1 20-0 SARID STAR 28 (D.G) D Haydin Jone: 5-10-0 D Winglid 4
2 0300 NAUGHTY PISTOL 18 (B.C.F.G) F Evans 5-9-12 A McCarthy (7) 6
3 4532 BOLD ARISTOCART 25 (C.G) R Hollesthed 5-9-11 F Lynch 14
4 6403 BENTICO 18 (V.C.D.F.G) Mrs N Mazautey 8-9-10 G Faultoner (5) 5
5 4010 JIGSAW BOY 13 (CD.F.G.S) P Murphy 8-9-7 D Hamson 11
6 0301 JOHANNET THE JONER 18 (B.C.D.F.G.) Lieving 5-9-1 D Hamson 19
7 5-05 PRINCESS FESIO 41 (G) B McMatanu 4-9-3 G Duffield 2
8 2-30 FRINSTERR IS (G) J J O'NORI 4-9-2 J Card 8
9 0413 CARL TON 15 (D 8) G Levis 3-9-1 N Day 7
10 3411 SWEET MATE 18 (B.C.D.G) S Bowing 5-9-1 S Wabster 13
10 0006 SAMART GUEST 13 (B.S.) D Stars 5-9-1 O Pears (3) 3
12 450 BISON BEL TING 28 J Slover 3-8-7 G Carter 12
3 0-00 NORTHERN JUGGE 8 (D.G) A Larner 4-9-6 M Fernon 15
14 0000 ZAND BANCER 18 (D) D Nicholt 5-8-5 M Frice 1
15 0400 EPPETITE 7 (C,6) M Sycrott 4-9-2 D Memary (7) 16
2520 MGMITE CAVO 16 M Britan 6-7-12 D Memary (7) 16
5-1 Carlon, 6-1 Bold Anstocal, Johanne The John Seret Mate 10-1 others 5-1 Carlton, 6-7 Bold Ansiocral, Johanne The Jokes, Sweet Male 10-1 others

2.55 PUMA CLAIMING STAKES (£2,277: 2m) (8) 6-5 Cultan Nights, 5-2 Septement, 7-1 Pharty Dancer, 12-1 Faugeron, 16-1 others

3.25 JAMES LATHAM MIDLAND / CSC FOREST

3.55 LANGLEY MECHANICAL SERVICES MAIDEN FILLIES HANDICAP

1 3-03 KEPN COMPANION 18 1 Marghton 1-10-0 JD Sortin (3) 2 3342 FAVIM 59 J Whanton 3-9-4 J Gerroll 4 34 000 D EGREE 10 S C Williams 4-9-3 G Carter 3 4 03-0 MAMI MOON 21 C Thornton 3-8-9 D Micrown 5 6-32 MOLLY MUSEC 7 6 Margarson 3-8-7 D Blogs 7 6 044 PHOSENX PROBLESS 13 B Markshorn 3-7-10 John Micrown 5 0 Blogs 7 000 GRORNOUS DANCER 19 J Heriterton 3-7-10 John Micrown 5 6 3594 CHAMPAGNE ON INC F 7 Europ 3-7-10 A McCartly (7) 10 9 8-80 AST 179PCAL 13 N Finiter 3-7-10 Kim Thirder 8 10 00-0 RUSTIC SONG 10 J Wharton 4-7-10 N Variety 1 11-4 Faym, 3-1 Mody Masse, 5-1 Champagne On Ice, 13-2 Phoems Princets, 10-1 keen Companion, Just Typical, 16-1 others

4.25 FARMERS WEEKLEY SELLING STAKES (2-Y-0: £1,985: 6f) (11)

14 LASHAM 11 (f) N Callaghan 9-3
1288 RISKY WHASKY 16 (8.5) J Beny 9-3
005 AVERMAN STAR 10 (8) D Shew 8-11
54 FISAWIN 15 6 Lene; 8-11
5 FISAWIN 15 6 Lene; 8-11
6 COLDBACRES 11 J Newlib 8-11
004 MARCARET'S DAMACRES 10 (8) C Small 8-11
003 DAYMADES 39 N Trades 9-6
E B TREASURE N Bygon 8-6
GYMCRAK MYSTERY 25 6 Holmes 8-6
MATIES CRACKER 11 M Drannon 8-6 G Carter B C Teague (3) 1 A Caly (5) 4 N Day 10 2-1 Risky Whisky, 11-4 Lasham, 8-1 Figarum, 10-1 Cluka Shan, Daymabee, 14-1 Gymcrak Myslery, 16-1 Avenhom Star, Goldenacres, 20-1 others.

4.55 LION HANDICAP (£2,277: 5f) (13)

1 0231 AFAM 10 (F) R Namm 4-10-3 (7er) H Bassman (5) 5 2 6141 SHADOW JURY 5 (B,CD.F.G.S) D Chepmon 7-10-2 (7ex) 0 Pears (3) 11 3 50-1 PLEASURE TIME 20 (B,D.F.G) C Smith 4-10-0 E Darried 9 0 OPERS (3) 113
3 50-1 PLEASURE TIME 20 (B.D.F.G) C Smith 4-10-0 G Dutfield 9
4 0012 GORETSAI 16 (D.BF.F.G.S) N Triviter 4-9-10. D Harrison 8
5 0662 SUK COTTAGE 18 (D.G) R Whitter 5-9-6 D Mickeown 2
6 -000 GRAND CHAPEAU 44 (D.BF.F.G) D Michels 5-9-3 7 4820 DELROB 2 (B.CD.F.G) D Haydri Jones 6-9-0 6 Faulkoner (5) 1 8 0400 80FFY 33 (B.CD.G) 8 Baugh 4-8-11 lonz Wannis (5) 4 9 8510 TIME TO R.V 34 (B.D.G) 8 Marray 4-8-10. Confer 7 10 5034 SOTOBASM 4 (D.G) 9 Feligine 4-8-9 D Winterh 11 1980 1 Company 4-8-10 D Winterh 11 1980 1 Company 4-8-9 D Winterh 11 1880 1 C

4-1 Goretsky, 11-2 Skadow Jury, 6-1 Alaan, Pleasure Time, Deirob, 6-1 Grand Chapeau, 12-1 Sib, Cottage, Sotonian, 16-1 others. COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS: P Murphy, 3 womers from B numers, 37.5%; Mrs M Reveley, 25 from B8, 25.5%; W Haigh, 20 from 130, 15.4%, D Michalds, 25 from 163, 15.3%; W Macsup, 6 from 43, 14.0%; S Bowring, 45 from 333, 13.5%; OCKEYS: N Day, 6 womens from 28 naies, 21.4%; D Bogs, 20 from 117, 17.1%; E Parkin, 6 from 36, 16.7%; D Harmson, 23 from 142, 16.2%; O Pears, 11 from 73, 15.1%; F Lynch, 17 from 136, 12.5%.

8.20 STAKIS CASINOS HANDICAP CHASE

1 501- RVELEIGH BUILDS 11 (CD.F.G.S) Miss L Russell 10-12-6 17-d A Thomton 2 321- BAS DE LAINE 11 (BF.F.G.) M Hammond 11-12-0 R Garnity 3 114- RUNCHEON GALE 14 (D.BF.F.G.S) R Carbs 10-10-7 D Morris 4 34P. TEMPLE SARTH 21 (CD.F.G.S.) P Beaumond 8-10-5 R Supple 5 D11- SLDTAMATIQUE 13 (N.CD.F.G.S) 6 Richards 8-10-3 R Durmondly 121- THE TOASTER 10 (F.G.S) Miss M Militigan 10-10-1 L Wyer 7 121- TOUGH TEST 13 (CD.BF.F.G.S) Mirs J Goodleton 7-10-1 B Storey 8 642- DISTANT MEMORY 7 (B.CD.F.G.) P Hobbs 8-10-0 B Powell 9 352- HURRICANE ANDREW 11 (D.F.G.S.) J A Moore 9-10-0 N Smith 1 Storey A Company A Company 11 (D.F.G.S.) J A Moore 9-10-0 N Smith 1 Storey 1 CD.F.G.S. D Laure 6-1 I Intert Feet 7-1 The

7-2 Slotamatique, 4-1 Fiveleigh Buskis, 9-2 Bas De Laire, 6-1 Tough Test, 7-1 The Toaster, 8-1 Distant Memory, 10-1 Function Gale, 12-1 others

3-1 Cotorbul Ambition, 4-1 Parson's Lodge, 5-1 Brudley House, Vallard Dash, 8-1 Shelton Althey, Jigginstown, 12-1 Mardood, Nile Sprize, 14-1 offers.

111- TELIAYTY/ATCH 11 (CD.F.G.S.) J Golde 5-12-3 (7ext S Tayfor 881- PART OF JACAS 9 (D.F.G.) P Hobbs 7-11-3 A P McCoy 5-543- HIGH LOW 13 (D.F.S) M Hammond 9-11-1 N Horrocks (7) 600- WyTAGE RED 114 (CD.F.) G Richards 7-10-11 R Dumwtody 322- KIERCHEM 11 (D.S.) C Grant 6-10-8 P Carberry

2-1 Teelay h'altch, 3-1 Klerchem, 4-1 Pair Ct Jacks, High Low, 5-1 Vintage Red

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRANERS: P Hobbs, 11 werners from 21 turners, 52.4%, P Beaumont, 7 from 28, 25.0%; J Goldie, 10 from 42, 23.8%, M Harmmond, 21 from 89, 23.8%, P Montelith, 16 from 72, 22.2%; L Lungo, 6 from 27, 22.2%; L

DOCKEYS: A P McCoy, 9 winners from 25 rides, 36 0%, P Carberry, 7 kom 30, 23.3%; G Lie, 3 tron 19, 23.7%; R Carritor, 10 from 46, 21.7%; R Dunewoody, 6 from 36, 16.7%, R Supple, 5 from 39, 12.8%.

9.20 STAKIS CASINOS HANDICAP HURDLE

(£2,558: 2m 110yd) (5)

8.50 STAKIS HOTELS CONDITIONAL JOCKEYS HANDICAP HURDLE (£2,853. 3m 110yd) (10)

1 501- RVELEIGH BUILDS 11 (CD.F.G.S) Miss L Russell 10-12-6 (7e

THUNDERER 6.50 Go With The Wind. 7.20 Amlah. 7.50 Western General. 8.20 Tough Test. 8.50 Valiant Dash. 9.20

5-1 Shaded 13-2 Nancasha, Madam Lucy, 8-1 Sparky, Racing Heart, 10-1 others.

GOING: GOOD TO FIRM

6.50 STAKIS CASINOS NOVICES HURDLE

(£2,201: 2m 4f 110yd) (6 runners) 2-1 Calch The Pigeon, 3-1 Fresky Thyric. So With The Wind, 4-1 Charlot Bel, 6-7 Queen's Coursel. 16-1 Prozza Maya.

7.20 SCHLUMBERGER NOVICES CHASE

5-4 Amiah, 7-2 Ashalom, 4-1 UK Hygiene, 10-1 Kipcardine Bridge, Reed, 14-1 Paparazzo, 20-1 others

7.50 STAKIS HOTELS NOVICES HANDICAP HURDLE (£2,190: 2m 110yd) (6)

1 BREVION 23 (CD.S) P Monteith 4-11-10 C McCormack (7)
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2 336 WESTERN BENERAL 11 Miss M Milliogn 6-11-8 A P McCoy
3 665 NORDISK LESINO 23 Mrs D Thomson 5-10-12 T Rec 7-4 Breydon, 2-1 Western General 9-2 Apache Len, 8-1 Nordes Legend, 12-1 Vintage Taglanger, 16-1 Meadowieck.

Paddy's Return takes second at Auteuil

PADDY'S RETURN, trained by Ferdy Murphy and ridden by Norman Williamson, finished second in the Prix la Barka, the principal French Champion Hurdle trial, over an extended 21 furlongs at Auteuil yesterday. The five-year-old survived a mistake two out and did well to be get within two lengths of Mon

Paddy's Return is likely to return for the

French Champion Hurdle later this month, as is the Irish-trained Noble Thyne, who took fourth under Richard Dunwoody. Noble Thyne held every chance but could only keep on one pace on the run-in and was beaten a total of 11

lengths. Francois Doumen's Force Atlantique made the running and was beaten six lengths into GOODWOOD

THUNDERER 6.30 Generous Gift. 7.00 Malibu Man. 7.30 Bold Fact. 8.00 Banzhaf. 8.30 Aybeegirl. 9.00 Fantastic

GOING. GOOD TO FIRM (FIRM IN PLACES) DRAW: 5F-6F, LOW NUMBERS BEST

6.30 WEALD & DOWNLAND MUSEUM MAIDEN

(£3,753· 5f) (12)

12 (6) 2443 FLYING HAROLD IB M Channon 4-7-10 J Or l-f Polly Bolightly 6-1 William Dive 5-1 Nation Wall the Beat Charp Stept ion Dancy Frying Marciel, 10-1 others

7-4 Bold Fact, 5-1 Cuty The Flog. 7-1 Goodwood Creation 8-1 Bassaria Cut. Districted, 10-1 Bernsta Swarig, Caronse, 12-1 others,

8.00 CHELSEA CONSTRUCTION TEAM HANDICAP

(4) 0045 DUELLO 9 (F.S) M Blanchard 6-8-17 J Damen 96 (1) -600 BARDSSA VALLEY 22 (B) P Brote 6-8-16 D Sewsensy (5) 92 (3) 0020 BARDSSA VALLEY 22 (B) P Brote 6-8-16 D Sewsensy (5) 92 (6) 50-0 DUMMER BOLF TIME 37 (V.F.G) Lod Harrungdon 4-8-5 (5) 213- THATCHMASTER 266 (C.D.EF.J.G) C Horgen 6-7-13 4-1 Sharp Shuffle, 5-1 Fouza Figino 6-1 Chill Liberty, Duello Thurchmaster, 7-1 Banchaf 8-1 Ser's Return, 10-1 others

(3-Y-0: £3,460: 71) (3)

3 (3) -000 AYBEEGIRL 23 (V,F) Mrs J Cecil 8-1 Martin Dwyer 5-4 Big Ben, 2-1 Aybengel, 5-2 Hever Golf Charger

9-2 Regal Regrimand, 11-2 Indium, 7-1 Party Romance, Fantastic Flame, Behind The Science, Ludo, 8-7 Nobel Lad, Saltron Rose, 12-1 others

JOCKEYS: Pat Eddery, 35 waters from 187 intes, 18 7%, T Quern, 44 from 256, 16 5%, J Reid, 33 from 229, 14.4%, Dane O Neall, 12 from 84, 14.3%, Paul Eddery, 14 from 140, 10 0%, A Clark, 7 from 70, 10.0%

STAKES (3-Y-0: £3,850: 1ml 4f) (6 runners)

7.00 BILL WIGHTMAN HANDICAP

(8) 1336 MALRU MAR 21 (D.F.G.) & Wheeler 5-10-0 T Sprake 95
170 6290 SALLY SLADE 13 (ED.F.G.S.) © Cycer 5-9-10 J Road 95
112) -000 SWEET MAGG 42 (D.G.) P Houling 8-9-9 A McCome 98
113) -045 SCSSOR RINGE 104 (ED.F.G.) J Better 5-9-9 Scarders 94
(3) 2220 WILLOW OALE 2 (D.6F.F.S.) D Howard 4-9-3
14) 1055 WALK HE BEAT 9 (C.D.F.G.S.) M Mech 7-9-3 F Renton 63
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15] 14) NOS WALL HIS BEAR 9 (GLUT 163) M MESS 7-9-3 F MESTER 15 91 1000 DAVINE MISS-P 21 (F) A ARMS 4-9-3 V J D'CORING 93 (10) 0-04 SHAPP STICK 15 R Hodge: 4-9-7 Sophie Mitchell (5) 95 (10) 2404 SEA DANZIG 9 (6) 19 Hodge: 4-9-7 D Homocon 94 (5) 0021 POLLY GOLGHILLY 13 (B.D.F.G) M Standard: 4-6-17 (2) 2021 DOMA OTDERANK 19 (FIG. C.M.) MAN 19 NORM 97 (2) 2021 DOMA OTDERANK 19 (FIG. C.M.) MAN 19 NORM 97 (10) 19 NORM OTDERANK 19 (FIG. C.M.) MAN 19 NORM 97 (10) 19 NORM OTDERANK 19 (FIG. C.M.) MAN 19 NORM 97 (11) 19 NORM OTDERANK 19 (FIG. C.M.) MAN 19 NORM 97 (12) 19 NORM OTDERANK 19 (FIG. C.M.) MAN 19 NORM 97 (13) 19 NORM OTDERANK 19 (FIG. C.M.) MAN 19 NORM 97 (14) 19 NORM OTDERANK 19 (FIG. C.M.) MAN 19 NORM 97 (15) 19 NORM 97 (15) 19 NORM 97 (15) 19 NORM 97 (15) 19 NORM 97 (16) 1 11 (2) 8340 JOHN O'DREAMS 18 (D.F.G.S) Mrs A King 12-7

7.30 E B F SOUTHERN DAILY ECHO MAIDEN STAKES (2-Y-0 £4,581; 6f) (11)

(7) -025 FORZA FIGUO 19 (CD.G) Moss G Kellews; 4-10-6 J Rend 9 (9) 404- CM4, LIBERTY 25 (D.F) G Lewis 49-13 Put Eddery 9 (8) 40-5 SUE'S RETURN 16 (D.F.S.) Alams 5-9-4 W J O'Common 9 (2) 1623 SHARP SHUFFLE 11 (D.BF.F.G) R Hannon 4-9-1

8.30 CELER ET AUDAX CLAIMING STAKES

-T-U: 2.3,400... rr; ruy 11) -003 BIG BEN 21 (F) R Harmon 8-11 . . . Pat Eddery (S) 12) 4306 HEVER GOLF CHARGER 8 (B,D,6) F Maughton 8-4 S Sanders 84

9.00 GEORGE STUBBS HANDICAP (3-Y-0 lillies: £4,698: 1m 2l) (10)

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRANKERS; E Duniop, 6 winners from 19 winners, 31 6%, P Cole, 26 from 112, 23.2%, H Cool, 16 from 19, 20.3%, J Gooden, 19 from 109, 17.4%, Wrs J Coell, 4 from 23, 17.4%; B Hambury, 6 from 37, 16.2%, P Chapple-Hyam, 11 from 72, 15.3%

BLINKERED FIRST TIME: Catterrick: 3.05 Lunar Music. 4.10 Zamhareer. Hong Kong Express Epsom: 2.10 Smooth Sailing 4.00 Syedah, Haydock Park: 6.40 One Life To Live. 8.40 Media Star. Pertic. 7.50 Apache Len. Southwell: 4.25 Averham Star, Resky Whisky.

HAYDOCK PARK

1 (DO 1 50)

6.40 Clued Up. 7.10 Iceband. 7.40 Jupiter. 8.10 Mystic Quest. 8.40 Snow Partndge. 9.10 Multitover.

Going: Good to firm DRAW, 6F-7F, HIGH NUMBERS BEST

6.40 RED ROSE HANDICAP (Amaleurs: £2,472, 1m 2f 120yd) (17 runners)

405 FARRICOUNT HELP 25 (F) L Bacon 6-12-0 C Flasson (4) 1
2 -400 GOLD RLADE 46 GU S) - Protein 5-14-1 bits L Pearce 15
3 32-0 WESTMISSIER 20 (V, F) 10 Protein 5-14-7 M Jenkins (4) 6
4 333 - REM MERIE 192 (0) F) Protein 5-14-5 W Idel anglin (4) 6
5 G463 FORZAR 7 (G) 1 12 Protein 5-14-5 W Idel anglin (4) 6
5 G465 FORZAR 7 (G) 1 12 Protein 5-14-5 W Idel anglin (4) 6
5 G166 (4) Bits 17 (F) 17 Protein 5-14-5 W Idel anglin (4) 6
6 400 MONTAE 13 (F) 0 Comptan 5-16-7 Miss R Clark 11
9 G40 BEST KEPT SECRET 13 (F,C,S) 1 Bacon 6-16-6
Stass A L Maccionson (7) 7 19 5-04 FM A NUT MAN 14 C Smith 6-45 Mar D Smith (4) 4 to 0426 HUTCHES LADY 20 join in White 15 Smith (4) 4 to 0426 HUTCHES LADY 20 join in White 15 Smith (4) 6 to 0-50 PMANAN 133 (7.5) in White 14-7 Mar C Peacock (7) 17 to 14 mington Har 7-4 Clear Real Cost State Secret Apoly 10-1 Res Manda Lady a specific Lady 12-1 street

7.10 EBF WEAVER MAIDEN STAKES

12-Y-0, £3,648 6f) (8) O CAPTARI JONES SA P Manna 40
4 CENTRAL PARK 13 P E119 3-4
DURAN 10 mag 5-3
TOBAND 1 CC Jam 5-2
THE GROVELER P Ends 9-0
50 TODAYA 8 I Ends 9-0
LADY FROST, BMERICK J Bars 8-3
LADY FROST, BMERICK J Bars 8-3
LADY FROST, BMERICK J Bars 8-3 74 Kebaut, 194 Centra Pan. 6-1 Deze, 1954 From Lenency. 12-1 Tantaya. Bean Panut, 194 Capton Jone. The Croselter

7.40 BAILEYS ORIGINAL IRISH CREAM

HANDICAP (3-Y-0 23,079 fm 30yd) (12) 10 000 SECUDIA PRIMICE 20 V 561 3.1 11 6-00 DEE PEE TSE CEE 9 (F) M W Exists. 3-2 12 0-00 HILTONS EXECUTIVE 19 6 Arrest 2-12 3-1 Jupilet, 11-2 Retearms home, 13-2 Roos, Asian Mary, The Legislator, 7-1 Dec. Per Toe Cer. 8-1 Don't Work, Mary, 12-1 George at 14-1 others.

8.10 ASPECT BEAUTY HANDICAP (3-Y-0 hillies; £3,485, 1m 6l) (7)

1 6-42 THORNEY PARK 19 J (1/1/10) 2-7 J Fortune 3
2 0-64 WHIRLAWRIE 18 E Genop 9-2 R Hills 7
3 431 HEART OF BOLD 19 BF (1/2/15 Per 1) 2-2 (4e) W Byzn 4
2-30 CAMADIAN FANTASY 20 1/3 krestov 3-13 D Holland 1
5 506 SWITTWAY 4 + hogg 5-3
5 -322 WRITTWAY 4 + hogg 5-3
7 0-00 PERTEMPS MISSION 17 J France 3-5 G Bardner 5 🖸 Trainer states Whittawhile runs only diovernight rain 9-4 Thomby Part, 5-2 Mystic Ovest, 4-1 Yeart Of Body 5-1 Wholawhile 10-1 Canadian Fantacy, 14-1 Skultikas, Perlenge (Jeston

8.40 ZOE'S 21ST BIRTHDAY MAIDEN STAKES (£3,453. 1m 6f) (10)

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9.10 ROSTHERNE LIMITED STAKES

(£3,420, 7) 30yd) (4) 1 UU-6 MULLITUVEN 21 (U.F.E.S) M HEARTH-EIE: 7-9 2 00-6 RDYAL MARK 34 (D.F.G) T Barron 4-9-4 3 1 RISH UGHT 36 (S) M Strute 3-8-8 3 314 TRAILBLAZER 174 (S) C Thornton 3-8-8 4-6 limb Light, 4-1 Madigover, 6-1 Royal Mark, Tradhicco

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS: 8 Mechan, 5 winner; from 15 number; 33.3%; E Bundon, 3 from 11, 27.3%, P Chapple-Hyam, 9 from 34, 26.5%, J Dundon, 23 from 102, 22.5%, J Gooden, 18 from 94, 19.1%; M Stoule, 11 from 59, 18.6%, Mrs M Reveley, 15 from 97, 15.5%, Mrs. 5 Half, 3 from 20, 15.0% JOCKEYS: W Ryan, 25 withouts from 99 ndes, 25,3% D Hairtcon, 8 from 46, 17 4%, A Cultiane, 8 from 56, 14 3%, D Holland, 6 from 59, 10 2% Only qualifiers.

YESTERDAY'S RESULTS

Beverley Going: good to tirm

2.20 (1m 100/d) 1 Asel Alhend IJ Stads 2-1) 2 Coresta (10-11 thu), 3 Polonka (12-1) 7 ran, Nk, 6l, 8 Hanbury Toto (3-10 51-30 £1-40 DF £1-90 CSF

250 (Im I) 207yd) 1. Mr Teigh (J) Forlune 9-2. Thundorer's nap. 2 McGillycudd, Reets (25-1) 3 Escayellaes-14-1 last 14-ran 2) 1.1 Me. J Rameckn Tolo (5-90) (2-90) (2-90) 24-20 DF 264-90 Tho 255-40 CSF 2116-58 Treast 1467-29 2116 58 Treast 1467 29
3.20 (5)) 1. Only For Gold (k Darley, 4-5 lav. Richard Evans's napt, 2, Rusty Eabe (11-2), 3. Reap Revealds (5-1), 8 ran 14, 11. J. Borry, Tote 11-60, 01-20, 01-20, 11-60, DF 63-50 CSF 15-48

13.40 DF E750 TSF E277 4.50 (50). Reinhaudt (Caronn Balos, 16-1) 2 Archello (9-4 (1-40), 3, Young Ben (9-2) Midnight Shift 2-4 (1-40), 6 ran 1/4 (2) ht d. D. Midnight Shift 2-5 (1-20, 12,70, £1,70 OF £18,80 CSF £46,05 Jackpot. £12,722.70 (0.10 winning tick-ets; pool of £16,127.49 carned forward to Epsom today).

Placepor: £164.30 Quadpot, £46.20

Yarmouth Going: Irrn

2.00 (1m 5yd) / Beyler (M Roberts, 6.4 fav), 2 Matcalfa (5.2) 3 Nicker (9.2) 4 ran NH, 2NI C Britian Total \$1.80 DF \$1.90 CSF \$4.48 2.30 (fm 3,d) 1, Mr Rough IN Day 7-2 tan; 2, Ctytha Hill Lad (9-2); 3, Nabjetsedr (7-1) 4, Hododabble (14-1) 20 ran 18, 21 D Monte Tote 64-50 62 (0 62-0) 62:30 66:20 DF 613-60 Tho 650-20 CSF 616-69 Thoday 6109-72 No bid

3 00 1715, dr.1. Eurolink Profile (L.Detton 15-6, lat.), 2, Frey As, A, Bird, (7-2), 3 Judenius (3-1), 7, ran, 11, 31, L. Curnani Tote, 22,50, 22,00, 52,10, DF, 66,70 CSF, 57,77 3.30 (6 Svd) 1, Zugudi (R Price, 20-1), 2, March Gusader (7-2), 3, Song Mist (2-1 lav), 3 ran - 4: 15:1 k Mahdi, Tore 18:10 (2-2) (2:13), 21:40 DF (5:0-7) CSF (2:5-16), Tricast (19/2-27)

CSF ESS 16. Incast 1919; 27 4.00 (6) 3yd) 1, Baltic State (W Ryan, 5-6 fay), 2, Mishrash (4-1), 3, Moothyeb (3-1) 5 ran 41, 2-1 H Cecil Tote 22,40 (1.40, 02,00 DF 63,70 CSF 64,41 4.30 (Im 6) 17yd) 1. Charmwood Jack (R Price 3-1): 2. Chabrol (7-4 Jav). 3. Ticsue Charles (2-1) 5 ran 194, 21.1 Campbell Tote £3.50, £1.30, £1.20 DF £3.60 CSF £7.81

CSF \$7.81

5.00 (1m 2f C1vd) 1, Zorro (J Wikinson, 4-1) 2, Zohran (9-1), 3, Acerbus Dulcis (25-1 law) 11 ran 31 sh hd R Flower Tole (5-50 €1-20, C2-90 €2-90 Ft C2-800 Tro €10-60 €5F \$40,09 Thosast \$760.72 After an objection by the 4th 10 fibe 3rd, placings were reversed.

Placepot. £16.80. Quadpot: £10,20.

Perth

Going: good to firm 2.10 (2m 110yd hote) 1. Chima King (B Storey, 4-11 lav); 2, Raftle (33-1), 3, She's A Winner (33-1), 5 ran, 5l, 16l, J Fitzgerald Tole £1 30, £1 10, £8,40 DF £6,70 CSF £10.48 2.40 (3m ch) 1, Lintathen (P Niven 6-5 tav) 2, Charlot Del (12-1) 3, Monkey Wench (16-1) 7 ran 131 rk, Mrs M Reveley Tote £2.40, £2.00, £3.40 DF calcal CES 62.264

98 20 CSF, £12 64 3.10 (2m 4 110yd chi 1, Rebei King (B Storey, 11-4), 2, Rusty Blade (3-1), 3 Scrabo View (9-1) Blazing Dawn 5-2 lev 5 ran 51, 141 M Barnes, Toler 63 40 21 40, £1.30 DF £5 30 CSF, £9 76 3.40 (3m 110yd hole) 1. Acajou III (F Carberry, 1-6 (av): 2, Famadiyr (16-1), 3, Little Redwing (10-1) 6 (an 11), 11:1 G Richards Tole 2, 10, 21,20, 23,00 DF £2,60 CSF £4,46

4.10 (2m ch) 1, Know-No-No (R Garrity, Evens lav), 2, Cardenden (16-1), 3, Rapid Mover (16-1) 6 ran, 101, 134 M Harmmond Toler \$1,70, \$1,50,52,80 DF, \$24,20 CSF \$14,10

4.40 (2m 4t 110yd hdfel 1, Rachael's Owen (R McGrain, 3-1); 2, Bourdonner (9-4 (3y), 3, Our Robert (4-1), 5 ran 4t, 7t J Golder Tote: £4 50, £2 10, £1 80 DF £7 00 CSF £9 24 Placepot: £10.50. Quadpot. £6 50.

Wednesday's late results

Folkestone

Going: good to term 6.20 (6f 199yd; 1, Marjaana (Miso S Sarrworth 7-4 fow; 2, Takhtd (3-1), 3, Kewarra (9-4) 6 fan 2, 11,1 P Walwyn Tote 21 90 £1 10, £2.20 DF £5 10 CSF £6.37

6.50 (d) 1 Flesting (T Quin, 9-2), 2, First Dance (9-2), 3 Multiutlenut (Evens tox) 7 (an 2-), 11-), P Cole Tote £4 (a), £2 (0), £1 (0) DF (0) 10 CSF £22 (3) 2200, 9180 GF-93-10 USF 52228 7-20 (2m Styd) 1 Landford (M Fenion, 11-2) 2, Matthes Mysique (12-1) 3, Duncombe Hall (7-1) Vernica Franco 9-2 fav. 11 ran. 12, ns. P Bower. Tote. 64-20, 62-70, 62-80, 62-50 DF, 621-50 Tho 631-60 CSF, 651-90 Tricast 64-24.92

7-50 (6): 1 Rockcracker (6 Bardwell 13-7-50 (6): 1 Rockcracker (6 Bardwell 13-7-50 (6): 1 Rockcracker (16-1): 3. Texas Cought (10-1): Willow Dale 4-1 lav 14 ran NR Denbrase 3I, sh hd G Margarson Tote 23-40 (2-80, 25-70 £1-90 DF £122.70 Tho £269-50 (pan won poct of £132.85 carned loneard to today) CSF £113-99 Thocast (597-50 8-20 (5): 1, Littlestone Rocket (Dane O'Nell 8-1) 2, Bashild Brave (9-2), 3. Wistoal (2-2 (fi-law) Hinton Rock 7-2 (fi-law) 7 ran 3; sh hd W Mur Tote £12.70, £47-70 £2.50, DF £41-00 CSF £44-51 8-50 (1m 11-149),d) 1 Opalette (W Ryan 93.70 92.50, Dr. 12-1 00 CSr. 12-4-51 8.50 (Im. II 149),dt. 1 Opalette (W. Ryan 6-4 tav), 2, Passage Creeping (8-11 3 Moro Lady (4-1) 6 ran NR Always Happy, Par Said No Hd. 31 Lady Herries, Tote 22.20, 10.60, 22.70 DF 129.20, CSF 113.59 Tricast 1237.16

Placepot: \$1.552.90. Quadpot: £604.70 (part won; pool of £449.47 carned forward)

Beverley

Going: good to firm 6.30 (1m 100yd) 1, Mr Paradise (J D Sinth, 3-1) 2 Noraman (4-1) 3 Signs And Wonders (9-13 lav) 4 ran. 1 1, 71, T Naughton Tote C3 30 DF 29 00 CSF £13.32

7 00 (1m 100vd) 1, Murphy's Gold (R. Winston, 2-1), 2, Tertum (7-4 tax), 3, Petray (7-2) 4 ran 11 17/1 R Fahey Tote £2 90 DF £2 60 CSF £5 68. 2290 DF 2260 CSF 65-68.
7 30 (Sh F Filey Brigg JJ Curnn, 16-1) 2
Forest Treasure (4-1), 3, Angel Hill (16-1)
Folklore 4-7 (as. 10 ran, 3s. 1 (as. 1 Net)
Tole 234 00, 24 00, 21 70 53 00 DF
562 50 Trio C371 30 (part won, pool of
236 74 carried forward to today) CSF
C37 91

937 91 8.00 (2m 35yd) 1, Hullbank (A Culhane, 7-0, 2, Romalito (5-2) 3, Paradise Navy (2-1 lav) 9 ran Ms, 34-1 W Haigh Tole 5-50, 51-40, 51-90, 51-30 07-58-80 Tho 68-40 CSF 513-16 Thicast 521-58 Too £8.40 CSF £13 fc Tricast £158 8.30 (71 100yd) 1. Java Red (1 Quinn, 5-1), 2, Legal Issue (7-2), 3, Oriel Lad (20-1) Mountgate 3-1 fav. 8 ran 11, sh hd J Rtzgealad Tole: £5 10: £160, £160, £160, £5 80 DF £10 30 CSF £22 69. Tricast £306 £3 9.00 (71 100yd) 1. Generous Libra (L Deton, 1-5 fav. 2, Alikhlas (13-2), 3, Forest Signal (14-1) 5 ran 81, 81 D Loder Tole: £1,10, £120, £120, DF: £160, CSF £2 44

Placepot: £347.10. Quadpot: £23.10.

Chester

Going: good to litm 6.40 (51 16yd) 1, Yorldes Boy (L Nevton, 5-1), 2, Ins. May (5-1), 3, Jammy Too (14-1) Great Lyth Lass 3-1 fav, 9 ran 2-1, 11 B McMahon Tote, £4.90, £1 60, £2.00, £4.10, DF £15.80 Tho £32.80 CSF £28.23

E28 23
7.10 (7f 2yd) 1, Albert The Beer (T E Durcan, 14-1), 2, Nomore Mr Niceguy (7-1), 3, Van Gurp (33-1) Gadge 9-4 lav 13 ran Nk, 21 J Berry, Tole £14.20, £3.20, £1.70, £8.90 DF £46.80 Tho £447.60 CSF, £103.67, Tneast, £3.027.86

7.40 (1m 4f 68yd) 1, Maralinga (Paul Eddery, 4-7 tav), 2, Night Walch (11-8), 2 ran 18i Lady Hemes Tote £1,40 8.10 (1m 2! 75yd) 1, Bay Ol Islands (N Day, 4-1), 2, Quiet Arch (5-1); 3, Road Racer (3-1 lav) 9 ran 3!, nk, D Morrs Tote £6.60; £1.60, £2.40, £1.90 DF. rose 20 ou, \$1 to, \$2 40, \$1 90 DF, \$21 40 The \$33 00 CSF: \$22 18, Tricast; \$61 63

Tricad: £61 63
8.40 (6f 18yd) 1. Caudion (J Fortune, 5-2 lav), 2. C-Harry (12-1), 3. Beylord Thrust (8-1), 10 ran Shihd, 2'-l Mrs J Ramsden, Tote £2.90, £1.50, £2.90, £2.60 DF £17.30. Trio £54.60, £2.90, £2.60 DF £17.30. Trio £54.60, £2.90, £2.60 DF £17.30. Trio £54.60, £2.90, £2.60 DF £2.70, £2.80 Elsanco (12-1), 3. The Wad (18-11 Insider Trader 11-4 lav 8 ran Nk, %1 £ Alston Tote £5.00; £1.60, £3.80, £3.30 DF £59.00 £57.13. Tricast £820.66 After a stewards' inquiry, result stood

Placepor £510.40. Quadpot £34.80.

Gallops fall puts Urbina on sidelines

OSCAR URBINA faces a long spell on the sidelines after breaking his ankle in four places in an accident at Newmarket yesterday

morning. The Spanish-born jockey was riding work for Luca Cumani, his employer, when his mount stumbled leaving the stalls and threw him to the ground. He now faces an

operation today. Terry Norman, Urbina's agent, said yesterday: "Oscar is in Addenbrooke's at the moment I don't know when he comes out but he will be out for a long time. Once they have operated they will have to pin it and I think he would be out for three or four

months." Urbina, who was due to partner second-placed Coretta or Cumani in the Etton Maiden Stakes at Beverley yesterday, has ridden five winners this season.

Pip Jones, the amateur jockey who suffered a badly broken leg in a point-to-point fall last Sunday, was yesterday described as "comfortable and progressing well" in Leicester Royal Infirmary. However, Tîm Jones, her brother, said: "It's not like a break - it's all bits. She had a plaster off on Wednesday but they can't put a new one on because the swelling is too bad."

Jones was admitted to hospital after the crashing fall of Ole Sun at the meeting at Dingley.

SHEEHAN on BRIDGE

BY ROBERT SHEEHAN, BRIDGE CORRESPONDENT

This Refresher is on the old theme - plan your play before playing from dummy at trick one. Dealer South Rubber bridge Love all **♠AQ104** ₹5 +A73 ÷109742 **♦**J976 **÷32 VAJ3** ¥109862 +108654 + K 2 s **∳**K85 ¥KQ74 **+QJ9 ⊕KQJ**

1 H 1 NT Pass Pass 1 S 3 NT Contract: Three No-Trumps by South. Lead: five of diamonds Notice North's response of One Spade. When you have a

card minor, if your hand is not strong enough to bid twice you should respond in the major if you can bid it at the one level. Here North intends to pass a rebid of Two Hearts. Strengthen his clubs to A 109 x x, and now his first bid should be Two Clubs. Then he can continue with Two Spades over a Two Heart rebid. South's rebid of One No-Trump shows 15-17 points, as North-South are playing a weak No-Trump (12-14). so North has a clear raise to

four-card major and a five-

Three No-Trumps. Before playing a card, declarer should count his tricks. After knocking out the ace of

clubs he will have three tricks in spades, a diamond and four tricks in clubs. So all he has to do is go up with the ace of diamonds on the opening lead, and play on clubs. Later. if the defence play passively. declarer can set up his ninth trick in one of the red suits.

You see the trap I hope. If declarer plays low on the first diamond, as many players who skip these Refreshers would do, East can win and switch to the ten of hearts. That way, the defence set up the setting tricks in hearts before declarer has knocked out the ace of clubs. 26 g3 27 Ne5 Robert Sheehan writes on 28 Ng4 29 d5

bridge Monday to Friday in Sport and in the Weekend section on Saturday.

WORD-WATCHING

By Philip Howard

MACHICOLATION **BUM BARREL** a. Chocolate coating a. A loose cannon b. Hesitation b. Sour beer

> b. A perfume c. A cream cake Answers on page 50

a. Ornamental glass

c. Deadly holes

MILLEFIORE

KEENE on CHESS

BY RAYMOND KEENE

CHESS CORRESPONDENT

Madrid roundup Today I conclude my coverage of the elite tournament in Madrid, where the Bulgarian grandmaster Veselin Topalov went one stage further in establishing himself as a viable future candidate for the world championship. In the game today he outplays Judit

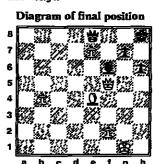
White: Veselin Topalov Black: Judit Polgar Madrid, May 1997 Queen's Gambit Declined

1 c4 2 Nc3 Bb4 Nf6 h6 Oxf6 d4 N13 5 Bg5 6 Bx/6 e3 Rc1 0-0 dxc4 9 Byc4 ය සැප්4 10 0-0 Nc6 Qd8 Ba5 Bb6 Qe7 Bc7 Bc8 Rc8 a5 axb4 Rc7 Kh8 12 Ne4 13 a3 14 Od3 16 Bb5 17 Nc5 20 Bd3 21 axb4 22 Qe1 23 h4 24 Bb1 Od6 Ql4 Ne7 25 Be4

Qxd5+

Nub7 32 Rxd6 33 Bxb7 Rxb7 Q>d6 Bg2 Ne5 37 Rc8 38 Nc4 Kh7 Bd4 Nd6 Nxe8 Fixe8 Qe6

Bd5+ Black resigns



Martell Trophy

The final of the Martell Trophy knockout competition for London clubs will see the team from Simpson's-in-the-Strand. with Bob Wade OBE, former British champion Michael Hennigan and international master Ali Mortazavi competing against the B team from the Hurlingham Club.

☐ Raymond Keene writes on chess Monday to Friday in Sport and in the Weekend section on Saturday.

WINNING MOVE

By Raymond Keene

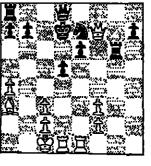
NI5

CdB

Ndb

White to play. This position is From the game Oil — Eingom, Debrecen 1989. Doubled powns are usually a structural weakness, as they are more vulnerable to attack, than isolated pawns. However, they do have the benefit of clearing lines for the attacking side, here, for example, the doubled White cound I-pawns allow his rooks to create great pressure along the d- and e-files. How did be now make the most of this?

Solution on page 50





FOOTBALL

Nationwide League to reap benefit from fund

By Russell Kempson

NATIONWIDE League clubs needing financial assis-tance to improve their grounds will be able to seek help from a fund, held by the Football Trust, worth £55 million. It is to be set up by joint contributions, over the next four years, from the English Sports Council, the FA Premier League, which runs the FA Carling Premier ship, and the Football Association.

The package was an-nounced yesterday by Tony Banks, the Minister for Sport. and drew a positive response from the sport's various authorities. "Given the increase in television coverage, we need to popularise the live experience. David Sheep-shanks, the Football League chairman, said. To do this, we need cleaner, modern. safer and more comfortable

Peter Leaver, the chief executive of the Premier League. said: "This represents a further sign of our commitment to the positive development of the whole of English football." He also revealed that, in the near future, the Premier League expects to offer further financial support to the

lower leagues. Under the new deal, the Sports Council will give £15 million, plus £10 million from its Lottery money, the Premier League will provide £20 million and the FA will add £10 million. Non-league clubs will also be able to draw from the fund for essential ground

safety work. Ronaldo, the Brazil and Barcelona striker, is likely to complete his protracted transfer to Internazionale, of Italy, in the next few days. Ronaldo, 20, who is playing for Brazil in the Tournoi de France. spoke about the move yesterday at the squad's training camp at Villefranche-sur-Saone. "I hope everything will be settled this week," he said. Because of my relations with the Barcelona management, l

will not play for them again." Inter will have to pay a world record \$70 million (around £50 million) for Ronaldo. including \$32 mil-Spain. His agents have also negotiated a salary for him of \$5 million a year.

Roy Hodgson, the new Blackburn Rovers manager, will soon complete his first signing, with Patrick Valery. 27, expected to join from Bastia, the French first division club. No fee is involved, with Valery, a defender, moving under the Bosman ruling after agreeing a three-year

Oliver Holt on the emerging talents inspiring England's optimism

Scholes at hub of Hoddle's new order

gathered yesterday before a visit to an England training session, an excited gaggle of conference delegates milled around in the lobby. For some unexplained reason, most of them were wearing the multicoloured, pointed hats of jongleurs. "Look." an Italian journalist said with a smile. "our squad has come to talk to you."

Suddenly, it has become a heady time to be an England football supporter, a time to bathe in the comforting warmth of success and let others feel the heat; a time of rediscovered optimism. A run of five successive wins is a fine recipe for positive thinking and, all at once, the future seems packed with a glut of young talent, much of it from Manchester United.

At the training ground in La Baule, this mood of bonhomie was all-pervasive. The players were happy and carefree and, on the touchline, a camera crew was holding up a report from L'Equipe, the French sports newspaper, of their 2-0 win over Italy on Wednesday night, England's first game in the Tournoi de France. The front page waxed lyrical about the "beautiful English lesson" that Glenn Hoddle's team had given their World Cup qualifying rivals. Another headline said: "Chics, ces Anglais". No one could remember the last time an England team had been honoured with that adjective.

Then Stuart Pearce, who was being questioned about the crunching tackle on Roberto Di Matteo that put the Chelsea midfield player out of the game early in the first half and seemed to change the tone and tide of the match - said that in all his years of representing his country, this was the best squad he had been involved with.

Paul Scholes, a revelation with his searching pass for Ian Wright's goal and his own fierce finish for England's second, was invited to hold court, too, after Pearce had said that his was the best full debut he could remember. Never mind that Scholes was sitting next to David Beckham, his more celebrated United teammate, the vast majority of the questions were directed at him.

Anointed as the new focus of English hopes, Scholes, 22, seemed taken aback at the intensity of the scrutiny. When he mentioned that his father worked nights, people wanted to know why. When Scholes, shy and down to earth, said that he was an engineer, he was asked his



Scholes reflects on his outstanding performance in the victory over Italy at the Tournoi de France

name. When he said "Stewart", he

was asked the spelling. He spoke, too, of the boys' team that he used to play in on Sunday mornings, the one that featured Gary and Phil Neville and Nicky Butt. The fact that they and Beckham had all been in the England squad had helped him tremendously, he said, gratified that he had caught up with the peers who had once threat-

Many at Old Trafford are already talking about Scholes as the natural successor to the recently retired Eric Cantona, the man who had, in effect, impeded his progress, and the flamehaired, diminutive striker said that he hoped he would be given an extended run in the United team next season. "I suppose it has been a bit of a test for my patience, not being in the first team too much at Old

have got my chance now and hopefully I will get a few more games under my belt at United next year. I can only be helped by things like last night's performance and if the manager wants me to play in Eric's place, I will do my best.

For Hoddle, only the cautions picked up by Ince, Gascoigne and, particularly. Beckham had marred the performance against Italy.

Hoddle singled out Robert Lee — a substitute on Wednesday — and Ian Wright for special praise, and some of his comments seemed to be aimed at Robbie Fowler and Steve McManaman, who were both with-

drawn from the tour by Liverpool and, unwittingly, find themselves left on the fringes.

"Ian Wright has been brilliant to have around the place," Hoddle said. "His enthusiasm is so infectious. Playing for England means everything to him. You cannot ask for more from a striker and he has put himself right up there in my think-ing. There will be opportunities for others, too, in the next two games, against France in Montpellier [to-

when he has been booked, whether he agrees or not, he cannot afford to stand there arguing." Hoddle said. "The reaction to his booking could

have got him a second yellow card

instantly. It was all totally unneces-

sary and unprofessional."
That apart, the England coach exuded satisfaction. His policy of

exuded saustaction. His policy of experimenting had paid off hand-somely, Italy suddenly appear disorientated. Beckham's promising performance in central midfield has given him another option and, in Scholes he appears to have un-

Scholes, he appears to have un-earthed someone capable of taking

the step up from club football to international level effortlessly.

learn about players and their temperaments, which ones could handle it and which ones could

not. There are great opportunities for

people here. If they can put a run of games together, that bodes well for

The other thing I liked last night was glancing across at the bench. There was David Seaman, Alan

Shearer and Sol Campbell, and Tony

Adams is not even here. That shows

you the strength in depth we are

oddle said: "I always

said about this tourna-

ment that I was going to

morrow night] and against Brazil in Paris next Tuesday." Pearce, another example of fierce patriotism, suggested that eight players in the team "picked themselves" but that the three other places were up for grabs, and that he was determined to claim one of them. People were still asking him about that tackle on Di Matteo, though, telling him that Cesare Maldini, the Italy coach, was upset about it. "Shame," Pearce said.

IN BEIEF

Tonkov slip gives Gotti chance to open gap

IVAN GOTTI, of Italy, extended his lead in the Giro d'Italia cycling race to lmin 32sec yesterday as Pavel Tonkov, of Russia, his main rival, fought back from a crash. Gotti finished 3min 08sec behind Jose Rubiera, of Spain, who won the mountainous 222-kilometre leg from Predazzo to Falzes, and 55sec ahead of Tonkov, who fell on a rain-slicked mountain descent 90 kilometres from the finish.

At one stage in the last 20 kilometres after six climbs, Tonkov was Imin 23sec behind Gotti, who began the day 37sec ahead. Roberto Conti was second and Giuseppe Guerini, his Italian compatri-

Joint venture

Rugby union: Australia and New Zealand have launched a joint bid to host the World Cup in 2003. Australia would stage the final under the plan announced by officials. The plan involves four pools, with two based in each country. The quarter-finals and semifinals would also be shared, with the third-place play-off to be staged in New Zealand.

If the bid is successful, the

final is almost certain to be played at the 80,000-capacity Olympic Stadium, presently under construction.

Test request

Cricket: David Houghton, the Worcestershire coach, is to continue playing Test cricket for Zimbabwe at the age of 40. Houghton, who was appointed his country's national coach last week. had said that he would quit after the recent winter series against England and Pakistan, but he has been asked to carry on playing by the Zimbabwe Cricket Union.

Bulls home in

Basketball: Chicago Bulls beat Utah Jazz 97-85 in Chicago to take a 2-0 lead in the National Basketball Association finals. The victory means that the Bulls, seeking their fifth title in seven years, go to Salt Lake City for the next three games in the seven. next three games in the sevencame series, with their home court advantage intact.

Family matter

Motor rallying: Alister Mc-Rae, 26, has a double incentive to achieve his first victory in the Scottish Rally, which starts from Dumfries today. He wants to emulate his father, Jimmy, who won the event in 1988, and his brother. Colin, who won in 1991 and

Maldini escapes censure for tired performance

THE Italians have taken their humiliation in Nantes on Wednesday hard but Cesare Maldini has more or less said: "I told you so." Before the Tournoi de France began, the Italy coach had said darkly that "other people have wanted it". After the 2-0 defeat by what was virtually the England reserve team, he said: "The English show themselves clearly the stronger, both from the physical and the athletic point of view. At this stage we have nothing to spend but small

lack of concentration or unsuitable approach. That's just literature. The truth is that at the end of our championship, certain reactions are missing, both automatically and physiologically.

Which is one way of saying that the heroes were tired. Gianfranco Zola, the scorer of Italy's winning goal at Wembley in the World Cup qualifying match in February, but scarcely seen in Nantes, said: "I'd warned my team-mates: these are people who fight."

fair to criticise Maldini," Corriere Della Sera said, "but it is right to ask whether he should have put on Maini [the midfield substitute due to leave Vicenza for AC Milan| only when we were two goals down. It was doubly wrong. He was in the worst condition to assert himself and to help Italy."

The main headline on the front page of Tutto Sport in Turin was: Italy: What a figure! England take revenge for Wembley followed by the sub-heading: The unrec-

change and our opponents have not The Italian press has not been too ognisable azzurri suffer their first that one didn't need this appoint-spared us. But don't talk to me about hard on Maldini himself. "It's not defeat in Nantes under Maldini and ment? Their own heroes came to give away two goals."

In the marks out of ten assigned by Tutto Sport, not a single Italy player reached "sufficiency", which is six. By contrast, Paul Scholes, the Manchester United midfield player, was given a resounding 72. The same high mark was accorded to Scholes by the Gazzetta Della Sport, which called him "the protagonist of the evening".

In the same paper, Franco Arturi speculated: "Who knows if, because of some people's doubts beforehand,

believe it. From this defeat it's difficult to extract a single, positive aspect. In the month of June, from time immemorial, there is an air of unexpected demobilisation." Which did not stop Italy winning the 1982 World Cup in Spain.

Pippo Inzaghi, the 23-year-old striker who has just joined Juventus from Atalanta, said: "They scored a goal from their first attack, put us in trouble and we never picked up the threads of the discourse." He may now get his chance to do so.

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BOWLS

Corsie brightens green party

By David Rhys Jones rison, a director of IBM.

BOWLS ushered in the dawn of its brave new world in the appropriately upmarket surroundings of the penthouse suite at the Cafe Royal in London yesterday. Richard Corsie, the Com-

monwealth Games champion and chairman of the Professional Bowls Association (PBA), is the first bowler to be given the makeover treatment by the men who are hoping to bring a touch of showbiz glitz to Sir Francis Drake's ancient game.

Corsie was yesterday unveiled as the first big signing for International Bowls Management (IBM), whose chairman is Lord Charles Spencer Churchill, and Douglas Har-

outlined some of the organisation's plans for the sport. The world's top howlers have been showing prodigious skill for years, and have proved themselves to be splendid entertainers. Harrison, who, as a former business partner of Bernard Delfont. used to manage Tom Jones and Engelbert Humperdinck. said. "We think they deserve a higher profile, together with better earning opportunities, and intend to use our expertise to create all sorts of publicity situations.

Harrison, who plays for Gerrards Cross, said: "The way to the top in the entertainment industry is to control the



Corsie will be in the vanguard of a new look for bowls

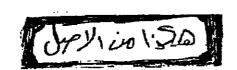
stars. This is the way Barry Hearn started in snooker. We expect to sign up three more top players in the next few weeks, and aim to have a stable of around six, including at least one overseas star."

Lord Churchill's involvement with IBM is not nominal. Although he has rolled only an occasional, usually wayward, bowl he is an avid watcher on television, and wants to stage a televised event at Blenheim Palace. A bowling green will be laid at Blenheim, and there are suggestions, not denied by IBM. that the first prize could be in the region of £100,000.

I am delighted to be the guinea pig, and have tremendous faith in IBM." Corsie, who used to be a postman in Edinburgh, said. "As chairman of the PBA. I have always advised going to the top when it comes to appointments.

That's why the World Bowls Tour (WBT), which we have developed with the cooperation of the sports governing body, has contracted TransWorld International (TWI) to negotiate with relevision, and Alan Pascoe International (API) to generate sponsorship, and advise on the promotion and presentation of bowls as a modern.

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TENNIS: BATTLING SELES UNABLE TO HALT GRACEFUL TEENAGER'S PROGRESS TO FRENCH FINAL

Hingis completes rout of old guard

FROM ROB HUGHES IN PARIS

MARTINA HINGIS, the Swiss miss who is now unbeaten on any surface anywhere in the world for 40 matches, yesterday outlasted Monica Seles in the semi-final of the French Open at Roland Garros, and in doing so completed the break-up of an exclusive club.

Since 1987, only Seles, Steffi Graf and Arantxa Sanchez Vicario had taken the honours on the red clay of Paris. Hingis has helped shatter that triumvirate, first by ousting Sanchez Vicario and now by beating Seles, winning their duel by 6-7,7-5,6-4 in two hours and 18 minutes. Graf. of course, had fallen to Amanda Coetzer on Wednesday.

"I'm more happy than I can really show anyone," Hingis said, doing a pretty effective job of flashing her Hollywood smile. Physically, I don't think I'm 100 per cent after that. I feel I'm getting cramp every minute, because if you run on the court for two hours with Monica, that's the way you're going to end up feeling.

"But I'm happiest because I didn't know what I could expect from myself, coming back from surgery. Some of the other girls had told me they could not make it to the top again. I'm very happy I made it ... and I really respect Monica because she was my idol when I was little."

So very old, now, Hingis at lo years and eight months. She is on the brink of her second grand slam of the year, having won the Australian Open in January. Unless there is reaction from the knee that she injured in March aftern falling from a horse, then it is doubtful if Iva Majoli, the 19year-old Croatian who faces her in the final, will be able to withstand the power, the consistency and the all-round ability Hingis has shown us

Majoli beat Coetzer, the blonde South African baseliner, 6-3, 4-6, 7-5 in two hours was the longer, but only because of the players' obduracy. The quality was not comparable.

Whatever tomorrow brings, it surely cannot supersede yesterday's spectacle on the centre court. Beneath a patchwork sky and in an oppressive atmosphere - the tempera-ture was 25C at the start and rose steadily - the 16,000 spectators were bound to the contest by its competitiveness and intensity as Seles sought to reimpose herself at the highest level and Hingis initially resisted and eventually

overcame her. The skill of Hingis has not been in doubt since she won as a junior here at the age of 12. Yesterday, with Seles examining her willpower, stamina and courage to the very limits.

Paris results .

it was obvious that the child has graduated to a teenager who is ready to dominate the women's game.

The opening set was compelling in its combativeness. Of the first five service games, only one was held, by Hingis. who has greater racket control. Seles breathed defiance, though, and was the more intent on going for outright winners, even from behind the baseline.

She was to commit an alleged 71 unforced errors over the length of the contest. Hingis 50. But what is "un-forced" in such a tennis match? It is because they hit so powerfully, so close to the margins, that they err.

Seles admitted afterwards: don't have the strength and intensity that I used to have, I don't have the consistency." She means before she was stabbed in the back by a spectator at the Hamburg tournament in April 1993. But she was playing here for more than personal glory, attemptand 22 minutes. Their match ing to lift the spirits of her father Karolj, who has stomach cancer.

So, for many reasons, this encounter was as taut as a racket strings. Seles, by step-ping inside the baseline to take the Hingis serve early, played the role of enforcer, although she was taken to a first-set tie-

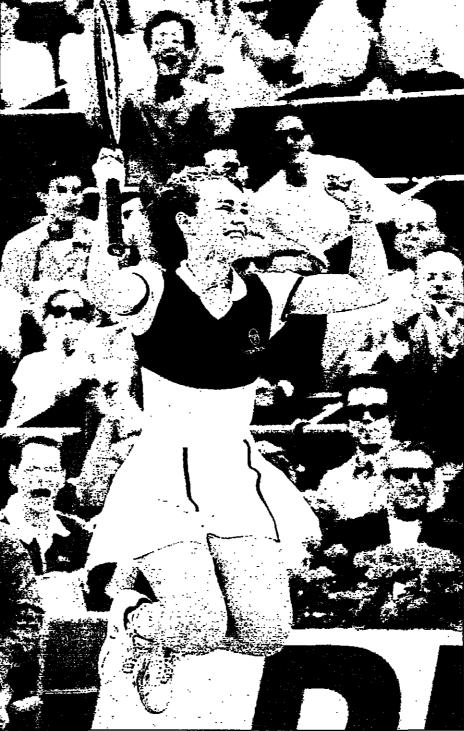
breake, which she won 7-2. With the breeze rugging at the players' skirts like a persistent beggar, with the unforgiving ferocity of Seles countered by Hingis's control and imagination, the tide began to turn in the second set.

It did so decisively once Hingis broke through to lead 4-2, doing so with a most audacious, feathered drop-shot played from behind the baseline. A genuine, girlish smile greeted that one, and when a baby's cry could be heard among the silent, enrapt crowd, Hingis responded naturally again. It is this ability to perform with grace in the heat of bartle that makes her so endearing.

Ninety minutes had elapsed before, after out-rallying Seles, Hingis became her equal at one set all. In the final set, Hingis was always ahead and although Seles's will was unbroken it was unclear whether, physically, she could stand the pace.

Fierce was her resistance, but although even the very last game, with Hingis serving at 5-4, went uncertainly from point to point, the irresistible newcomer justifiably outmanoeuvred and outlasted the former champion.
Of course, someone had to

ask Seles if the Martina Hingis era had started. "Only time will tell, but all expectations are wonderful," she said. The way she plays she doesn't have a weakness, she's tough mentally, very quick, and consistent." And Seles? 'What's past is past. I have to look for a future, starting with Wimbledon." But it looks as if the the real future has already started - and it belongs to



Hingis jumps for joy after her epic semi-final win over Seles yesterday

SAILING

Britons pay for switch inshore

By EDWARD GORMAN, SAILING CORRESPONDENT

A DECISION to stay inshore by as much as 50 yards more than the chasing boats may have cost John Merricks and the British Admiral's Cup team Mumm 36 crew a top-three finish in the Corel Mumm 30 world championships at Punta Ala, Italy.

The 95-mile offshore race that punctuates the windward/leewards that open and close the championship, turned into a difficult lightairs exercise in which the three leading boats early on, including Merricks's Bradamante, ended up at the back of the

Merricks had a great start on the 35-mile beat from Punta Ala to Isla Montecristo, which behind Renato Mazzeschi's Italian boat, Zzenzero, which had a good lead, and the German boat, Just for Garanta, with Russell Counts on board. At this point Merricks had another German boat, Thomas I-Punkt. the championship leader, on his tail.

However, after crossing ahead of the chasing Germans as they bore off around the island. Merricks went inshore and got stuck in a flat calm while the Germans were able to sweep past. By the time Merricks started moving again, the Germans, who went on to finish second and thus increase their hold on the championship, were two miles ahead, while the Britons were back in thirteenth.

In the end, despite climbing to eighth at one point on the last beat, in the early hours of the morning, before being denied by an unfavourable shift, Merricks had to settle for fifteenth, with Coutts fourteenth and the Italians, on Zzenzero, last in seventeenth.

Ian Waiker summed up a frustrating night's work that dropped Bradamante from second to fifth overall: "The final damage toll was pretty high considering how well the first beat had gone for us. But valuable lessons were learnt for the Admiral's Cup."

With three more inshore races to come today and one tomorrow, Thomas Friese's Thomas I-Punkt leads on 24 points from the American Admiral's Cup boat. Jameson, on 44.5, with Torben Grael, on Bravo, third on 44.5 points. and the Italian boat. Osama. fourth with 50. Bradamanate is next with 53.5.

GOLF

Davies back in swing

LAURA DAVIES makes her first appearance of the year on the American Express Women's Tour when the £90.000 Ford-Stimorol Danish Open begins at Vejle today.

Her arrival will give a welcome lift to the tour following the acrimonious annual meeting last month when Terry Coates, the executive director, came close to

resigning.
"There is always concern

when we lose tournaments that have been announced," Davies said, referring to the Polish Open, which was cancelled through lack of sponsorship. "It is a bad policy to include them before all the details are finalised.

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"I plan to play in seven European tournaments and it would be good if some of our other players in America came back. The tour is worth

First service: Tim Henman, Britain's No I tennis player, was at Islington Green secondary school in north London yesterday to launch a new coaching programme within Britain's schools (Julian Muscat writes). The Lawn Tennis Association's (LTA) three-year scheme, assisted by a £400,000 sponsorship from Midland Bank, will provide equipment and access to professional coaches for thousands of children. It also aims to forge links with more than 250 clubs, offering children a supervised opportunity to play outside the school

"This is an area in which we have struggled so much," Henman said. "It is hard to produce top players when we have so few children playing at the grass roots. In the past it has been a problem for schools to have

rackets and balls, never mind courts. Now they will have the coaching as well, which is very important."

LTA officials also emphasised the recreational aspect of the scheme. "We need a meaningful structure, with continuity, for children to follow," Chris Clark, the body's development director, said. "If another Henman comes out of this, it will be a

SPORTS LETTERS

Affront to international rugby Common sense should prevail

From Mr D. A. G. Simpson Sir, The news (June 5) that a member of the Lions rugby squad has been taken out of action by foul play was no surprise. Since the South Africans returned to the internarional scene there has been a succession of such occurr-

Before more Lions players are removed in similar fashion cannot the responsible authorities in the other coun-

injury for the punters who

were deprived by the decision

of the Newcastle stewards

If the decision had ever been

a "close call", then this makes

the disqualification even more

unjustified, given estimates of £500,000 of punters' money

lost by a whim. However,

nobody who has seen the.

head-on pictures could be in

any doubt that the original

Whatever the reason for the

stewards' actions, the only

losers have been the public

decision was a travesty.

From Mr D. Morris

(report, May 30).

that tolerance of this behaviour will result in South Africa's return to the isolation of earlier years? The present situation is an affront to the countries which welcomed the Springboks back to international rugby and, especially, to President Mandela who has given them such support. Yours faithfully.

tries involved make it clear

DAVID SIMPSON. 7 Wingfield Street, SE15.

ers who whinged very loudly Punters lose again when Frankie Dettori rode seven winners at Ascot remain silent whilst laughing all the Sir, The comments of David way to the bank. Pipe, the Jockey Club's direc-tor of public affairs, after the Yours faithfully. overturning of the Epic Stand D. MORRIS. 18 Frimley Road. disqualification add insult to

. From Mr H. Richards

Sir. Rob Hughes's report from Paris (June 2) on Mary Pierce's

once again, and the bookmak-

Camberley, Surrey.

Unfair to Pierce

match against Monica Seles in the French Open tennis championships correctly reports the bad behaviour of the crowd in support of Pierce. At the same time he puts the blame for this on Pierce by stating that she smiled in support of the

Watching the event on tele-

From Mr M. Diddams Sir, What a ludicrous farce

was played out on Monday at Valentine's Park, Ilford. When the Essex and Yorkshire cricket teams reassembled there. with all the attendant costs, so that Yorkshire could score the six runs they required for victory, this took eight balls to

Common sense should have prevailed and the match been played to a finish on Saturday

Being of a cynical nature 1

Ouestion of taste

From Mr John Elliott Sir, After the third day's play. in the match between Hamoshire and Warwickshire, Alan Lee wrote (June 2): "... it is

vision I saw no evidence of this. The crowd started a Mexican wave which understandably reduced Pierce to laughter; the behaviour of both players was impeccable. This seems to be another example of bias against Pierce and idolisation of Seles. Crowds support players; not

Yours truly. H. RICHARDS. 30b Grand Parade, Green Lanes, N4.

the reverse.

hard to imagine that anyone has greatly enjoyed either playing in it or watching it." Hampshire amassed 549 for

am of the opinion that this match was deliberately car-

ried over so that the record

books show the game lasted

four days, as we have been told by cricket's great and good that three-day games

cannot produce players of Test

ability. Those eight balls on the fourth day made all the

difference in this respect.

Yours faithfully,

M. DIDDAMS,

21 Vincent Road, Sittingbourne,

Kent.

six, Matthew Hayden broke the 96-year-old Hampshire record for a maiden century and then reached a personal best of 235 not out. At the other end Shaun Udal scored a maiden century.

I hope we do not have too many more dull days like this. Yours sincerely, JOHN ELLIOTT, Orcheston House, Broomrigg Road, Fleet, Hampshire.

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CRICKET

Master and pupil relish timely reversal of roles

LORD'S (second day of four): Middlesex, with six first-in-nings in hand, are 18 runs ahead of Leicestershire

MIKE GATTING'S smartest move of the season may prove to be resigning the Middlesex captaincy last week. It was not a decision that was eagerly awaited, but it appears to have revitalised a dressing-room that has always done best when ideas flow freely among the senior professionals. This shake-up has surely ensured that, whatever the reason,

Middlesex once again look like a side that is going places. They had about as good a day as they could have wished for yesterday and it was the old heads, Gatting, Mark Ramprakash, his successor, and Angus Fraser, the leading bowler, who had most to do with it. Fraser completed figures of six for 77, his best for three years, and Gatting and Ramprakash both scored nineties, sharing a partnership of 178 in 49 overs that may go a long way towards

deciding this match. When bad light brought an the driving seat, though they before victory is secured. Nevertheless, the signs are

encouraging. Pooley played brightly for his 28 in the last hour's Stygian gloom and Pierson and Brimson, the Leicestershire spinners, are finding enough purchase in the pitch to have Tufnell licking his fingers at the prospect of the work to come. Middlesex set the tone for



Glamorgan pair feast on wayward bowling

By Barney Spender

THE PARKS (first day of three; Glamorgan won toss): Oxford University, with nine first-innings wickets in hand. are 348 runs behind Glam-

OXFORD University's bowling suffered severely at the hands of two young Glamorgan batsmen yesterday. Mike Powell and Gary Butcher were helped in their quest by an unhealthy proportion of wayward deliveries and some sloppy ground fielding, but that should not detract too much from two highly-accomplished innings.

Powell, a tall right-hander from Abergavenny with a penchant for driving through the off side, has hit four centuries in five games for the second team this season and immediately looked at home. He raced to his fifty from just 58 balls and, by the time Glamorgan declared, he was 200 not out, only the third "Englishman" to make a double century on his debut this century, after Hubert Doggart in 1948 and David Sales last year. He struck 31 fours and a six from 213 balls.

Butcher was equally savage. His first 45, which came before tea. took 41 balls while the next 55, after the interval, arrived from a further 23. The declaration came half an hour after tea when both men reached their respective landmarks in the same over.

The way Oxford came out to bat, however, suggests a team with some character. Thomas removed Hudson in the first over but Mark Wagh, their captain, played a delightful and forceful innings of 56 not out. He posted 48 of his first 50 run in boundaries and also removed Law from the action when a fierce blow struck him on the elbow.

Law was the third injury of the day, the others being Adrian Dale, who ricked his back before play began and the umpire. Mervyn Kitchen, who hobbled off at teatime with a bad ankle.

298 for four, a lead of 18, and in for 13 runs with the second new ball, the champions being all out 40 minutes into the morning. Fraser removed Whitaker for the addition of two to his overnight 108. Hewitt had Brimson leg-before and so anxious were Leicestershire to gain another batting point that Smith was then sent out again, despite his

broken finger. The task of scoring another 26 runs was well beyond Mullally, who was soon the fifth man to have his stumps rattled by Fraser, who last took six wickets or more in an innings in the Bridgetown Test of April 1994. He last took six in a championship innings against these same opponents in August 1993, a performance that sealed his return to the

England side. Middlesex, in turn, struggled before lunch. They lost their openers. Kallis and Weekes, who was bowled by the last ball of the session attempting to punish a full toss from Pierson. Mullally and Parsons had maintained a firm strangehold, at one time

delivering six successive maid-

But after lunch, out strode Gatting to accompany Ramprakash, his protege of so many years, and they were quickly going about their busi-ness with the old panache. No sooner did Ramprakash latecut Mullally than the idea occurred to Gatting; no sooner did Gatting punch the ball through the covers, than Ramprakash followed suit. Leicestershire sorely missed the bustling presence of Millns, particularly Mullally.

Middlesex captains past and present clearly relish their reversal of roles. Gatting describes the absence of responsibility as "lovely" and in Ramprakash's first championship match in charge, against Northamptonshire, they shared a stand of 187 and each scored hundreds.

repeat performance looked inevitable after they put on 145 between lunch and tea. But Ramprakash, looking for the boundary that would have given him a fourth hundred of the season, carelessly drove into the hands of cover; Gatting chopped the ball into stumps attempting to cut Pierson, seven short of his 93rd hundred. He was furious - and it was generous of the Leicestershire players to ap-plaud him all the way back to



Speight displaying signs of mastering new challenge

By DEREK HODGSON

CHESTER-LE-STREET (second day of four): Durham. with one first-innings wicket in hand, are 64 runs behind

MARTIN SPEIGHT is remembered for a glorious halfcentury for Sussex against Warwickshire in the 1993 NatWest Trophy final. It was considered, that day, that a new star had risen in the southern sky. For three years. living up to that performance proved difficult; loss of form. illness and finally a break with Sussex taking him to Riverside

As Durham's new wicketkeeper-batsman, he has not been an overnight success, but, by dint of hard graft and the addition of a little northern grit, he is beginning to prosper in his new surroundings. He has started by putting one over on Sussex.

At 107 for four, with Durham still 266 behind, Speight ioined a tenacious Jonathan

the match on the 17th only to

chip poorly on the last. So Edwards, 33, will play How-

It was Price who explained

how matchplay should be played. "When he makes a

mistake. he is supposed to lose

the hole. That's the idea isn't

it?[™] Price said. That certainly

ard this morning.

played.

Lewis to put on 77 in 20 overs that effectively laid the spectre of a follow-on. He then spent another 20 overs, after Lewis's 141-ball innings had been ended by a catch behind, acting as a role model for Mike Foster. who is definitely more of a hitter than a blocker. They added 60 for the sixth wicket and the Speight story was developing nicely when Mark Robinson found some extra bounce and he was out, caught at first slip, for 49.

Time was as important as the runs. He had batted for 22 hours, faced 137 balls, shored up the middle when cracks were widening and demonstrated that Durham are not obliged to collapse. Foster carried on the resistance and the match is not far off balance. Robinson again find-

ing the spot at the Lumley end. Paul Jarvis put paid to Durham's hopes of a quick end to the overnight Sussex innings. He took 11 off Simon Brown's first over, but it was

Brown who eventually cleaned up, having Jarvis well caught at slip, Amer Khan caught behind and, finally, Moores caught at first slip. The Moores-Jarvis partnership was worth 63 in 18 overs. Vasbert Drakes drove Mike Roseberry back on to his stumps and John Morris then played an innings either side

of lunch that lifted this match

above the mundane. Jarvis

was plundered for 31 in three

overs; Morris cracked seven fours and had taken 48 off 55 balls when he went to drive Drakes and played on. "Lovely shots," a Durham man murmured, but what was needed was a very dull 150. Drakes, by then, had hit the length. Nick Speak was torpedoed by a ball that might have

burrowed underground and David Boon, who was starting to show a liking for Amer Khan's leg spin, was caught in front by another languidlydelivered grenade from

Hayden at the head of recovery mission for Hampshire

TUNBRIDGE WELLS (second day of four): Kent, with two first-innnings wickets in hand, are five runs ahead of

Battling

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gives Kent

narrow

advantage

By Ivo Tennant

EVEN on the most correctly prepared of pitches, when the attack is shorn of its overseas fast bowler and its leading spinner, batting can be a troublesome art. Kent had quite a struggle yesterday to reach Warwickshire's total of 314. The most notable innings came from David Fulton, who made 73, and Alan Wells, who eked out 70. Fulton has made centuries

against both the ancient universities, but has yet to take one off county opposition. Given that he is in the sixth season since his debut, this will be concerning him as much as his club. He looked the part until he edged one that Brown swung away, the movement accentuated by the mugginess of the air.

This was the most authoritative innings yesterday. Wells, by contrast, collected his runs more carefully until he lifted Smith for two sixes. He, too, was on his way to a century, having made hs runs off 138 balls, when he was yorked by Edmond. Kent have seen him at his best only once this season, when he took on Waqar Younis, but consistent contributions will

surely come.

The ball swung a little, as on the first day, and Kent, like Warwickshire, did not cope with it as best they might. Walker went in the first over of the day, to a good, low catch by Frost. Ward struck six fours in his customary dominant way before he was legbefore to Brown, on the front

There were further misjudgments. Marsh shuffled across his stumps and was leg-before to Brown: Strang swept at Smith and was bowled off his front pad. Such was the bowler's delight at taking his first wicket of the season in first-class cricket that, in papal manner, he bent down and kissed the turf.

The wickets that Small and Edmond took were also their first of the season in the championship. It is a wonder that Warwickshire are in the upper reaches of the table. Without Donald and Giles,

they had much difficulty in breaking the ninth-wicket pairing of Thompson and Phillips, who are too correct to bat in the tradition of Kent fast bowlers. They put on an unbroken 76 with greater ease than the specialist batsmen.

By RICHARD HOBSON

CHESTERFIELD (second day of four): Hampshire, with eight first-innings wickets in hand, are 357 runs behind

HAMPSHIRE are acquiring the habit of chasing exorbitant first-innings totals simply to stay in the game. Last week, at Southampton, Warwickshire amassed 631 against them and, while Derbyshire were unable to quite match that yesterday, they managed to defeat is hard to contemplate in any circumstances other than a contrived finish

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tomorrow.
The visitors to Queen's Park, chasing 524, still require 208 runs to avoid the follow-on today. There is the odd sign of variable bounce but little pace in the pitch and, with the correct approach, survival is within their compass.

Having laboured in the field for close to ten hours, the sun at least fanned by strong winds yesterday, Matthew Hayden and Jason Laney revealed considerable resolution to take the score to 110 before the opening stand was broken. For their part, Derbyshire, without Malcolm and Cork, did not use the new ball as well as they might. Hayden, in particular, bat-

ted with an ease that appears to have been lacking among his Australian colleagues at Edgbaston. A fourth century in seven days was there to be taken until he followed a ball from Harris that was slanted across him and turned to see Adams snaffle a difficult catch at second slip.

Two balls later, Laney shuffled across to Harris and was adjudged leg-before to leave Hampshire in need of consolidation. Jones, the Derbyshire captain, called predictably for the leg spin of Clarke as Robin Smith emerged from the pavil-ion. Clarke, though, lacked control and offered far too much scope for attacking strokes.

It was curious on a day of just five wickets that batsmen should fall in clusters. Earlier. Hampshire claimed the three they needed in four overs but not, unfortunat before Adrian Rollins and Paul Aldred had extended their eighth-wicket stand to 149. Rollins showed great composure in progressing from 151 to 210 before Renshaw produced a perfect yorker to prise him away. Rollins batted for 568 minutes in all, hit 29 fours and did not offer a chance. Aldred, too, secured a career-best 83.

BOXING

Last chance for Graham to impress

HEROL GRAHAM is to get another chance to convince the doubters that he is capable of carrying on boxing (Srikumar Sen writes). The former British, European and Commonwealth middleweight champion, 37, has had two contests since his comeback seven months ago but has not looked good enough to compete at world level.

Frank Maloney, his promot-er, has matched him with Chris Johnson, of Canada, the No S super-middleweight in the world. If Graham wins, he can reasonably expect to get a world title bout: if he loses he will almost certainly have to look for other employment. Maloney said yesterday: "If

he wins he'll get a world title fight and he'll deserve it." Graham will be appearing on a card at Olympia on July 12 that will be headed by

Spencer Oliver's defence of the European super-bantam-weight title he won three weeks ago at Picketts Lock, Edmonton.

Oliver, of Finchley, meets Serge Poilblanc, of France. who is thought to be better than Martin Krastev, of Bulgaria, the champion, whom Oliver stopped in two rounds to win the title.



GOLF: BARMAN SAVOURS TASTE OF MORNING GLORY WITH AMATEURS WHILE PROFESSIONAL MAKES FINE RETURN TO TOUR

Price brought down to earth by decisive birdie barrage

By JOHN HOPKINS, GOLF CORRESPONDENT

THEY do not come much more amateur than Rhodri Price. 23, who works as a barman in the Swan Hotel in Abergavenny one night a week to earn money towards the cost of playing amateur golf full-time. "I am living off my parents." Price admitted after reaching the last 16 of the Amateur Championship at Royal St George's.

My father takes me every where. I am aware of him when he watches me play. It would be hard not to. He is always falling into bunkers, that sort of thing."
Having beaten Matt

Carver, the Walker Cup squad member. Price was as high as the larks that hovered over many of the holes at Sandwich yesterday morning. "What fun amateur golf is," Price said. "I am not sure I am going to turn professional. It is so competitive. What a wonderful course this is. It's a thinking man's

course. I must be a thinking By the afternoon he was a tired and disappointed man, unsure whether he should journey to north Wales to

compete in a leading event there. He had been comfortably beaten by James Clive, a Scot. It was all square at the turn but then Price missed the green on the short 11th and three-putted and Clive birdied the 12th, 13th and 14th. Clive is a long hitter and playing well and this is a difficult combination to face on a course over which a rising wind, first from the north-east and later the

south-east, was blowing. Barclay Howard, Britain's best amateur, dismissed Wales's only other competitor when he beat David Park just by being steadier. Howard, 44. had had a fright in the morning, being taken to the 19th by Jacques Thalamy. of France, but he always had the

measure of Park, the winner of the Brabazon Trophy. This is now Howard's best performance in an Amateur, having twice been beaten in the last in fact. Scots nearly took all four places in the top half of

the draw. No sooner had Craig Watson, of East Renfrewshire, beaten Graham Fox, of West Kilbride than Michael Brooks, the son of Andrew, the professional at Sandwich, got back from two down to all square on the 18th. St George's members certainly support their friends. Brooks's caddie was Simon Ellis, a member and star performer in this year's Presi-

dent's Putter, and several dozen members were there to give Brooks a boost. Brooks had not chipped particularly well against Colin Edwards, who has won 52 caps for England. There was a moderate one from the back of the 9th, another on the 11th. Still, he sank a 25ft putt to level



Price gets down to the task of lining up his putt

Webster responds to doctor's

orders and leads the field

A CAR door, an injured left thumb and a minor surgical procedure involving an item of office equipment were the unlikely ingredients of a yarn that was related yesterday by the young Midlander who

took the lead in the first round of the Compaq European Grand Prix. Those of a delicate disposition should stop reading now and skip a few paragraphs before rejoining seriously grisly. the rest of this piece.

The narrator of the tale was Steve Webster, who shot a 66 at Slaley Hall in Northumberland to lead Padraig Harrington and Fredrik Andersson by a shot and a multinational group of four, which comprised an Englishman, a Swede, a Spaniard and an natian, by two. Colin Montgomerie had a 69 to be three behind.

Webster's story started the day after he missed the cut in the Tournament Players' Championship of Europe in Germany last Friday and returned home to England. He was leaning nonchalantly against the roof of his car with his left hand when he slammed the door with his

Sadly, he forgot to get his left thumb out of the way. Result: a squashed digit, a short but vivid stream of foul oaths and a good deal of

Webster did not hit a ball for four days, and was close to pulling out of the tournament, but decided to make a visit to his GP before doing so. The good doctor made an immediate diagnosis and outlined the treatment he proposed. It is here that the episode turns The treatment sounded like

something close to mediaevel

torture, involving as it did a paperclip that was held over a flame then plunged into the offending nail by the doctor to blood behind the nail. Webster said he had felt a little faint after the procedure and had had to lie down for a while. which is hardly surprising. Just writing about it induces an attack of the vapours. The upshot of it all was that

Webster, 22. his head now having stopped spinning, came to Sialey Hall. They breed them tough in Nuneaton, and Webster proved it by producing one of the better rounds of his short career.

Webster, short and slight, won the silver medal for being the best amateur in the 1995 Open Championship at St Andrews, turned professional and won the qualifying tour school at the end of that year. The playing card he achieved there was promptly lost at the end of 1996 after he had played in 28 tournaments and missed the cut in 21 of them. He finished 129th in the order of merit — he needed to improve

to be dreadful.

He has, however, fared very much better this year, and top-five finishes in the Italian and English Opens have taken him to earnings of £64,000 to secure his card for 1998, thus releasing him from the brainnumbing prospect of going back to the school, the PGA European Tour's annual aurumn convention for the golfing masochists.

Sore thumb or not, he played some confident golf around a Slaley Hall lay-out that looks deceptively gentle but which can leap up and catch the unwary by surprise.
Armed with a new putter, he produced an eagle three, holing from 15 feet at the 4th, six birdies and only two bogeys to prove that few things concentrate the mind more than a bit of good old-fashioned pain.

HOCKEY

Britain again goalless in fourth defeat

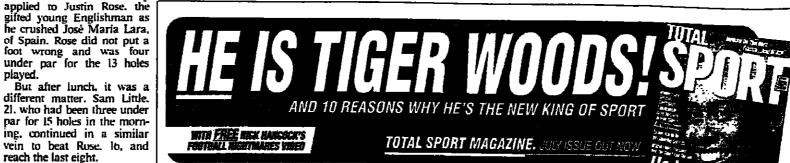
MAGGIE SOUYAVE, the Great Britain coach, must be wondering where her team's first goal will come from after the 3-0 defeat by Germany in the Champions Trophy in Berlin yesterday.

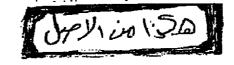
The British team have failed to score in four games here. Poor basic skills, sloppy passing and a complete lack of clinical finishing have all contributed to their four successive defeats, and Souyave will be left with no option but to drop some of the England team, who are repre-senting Britain in Berlin, before the World Cup qualifier in Harare in August.

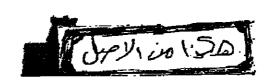
Errors by Karen Brown, one of Souyave's most experienced defenders, led to two of the German goals. After intercepting Brown's weak clearance. Natascha Keller gave Germany a 24th minute lead. Britain had chances to level the scores but Jane Sixsmith and Tina Cullen were off-target, and Jane Smith's penalty corner effort flew harmlessly wide. The hosts went 2-0 ahead

through Katrin Kauschke in the 52nd minute after Britain's defence was caught napping at a free hit.

Seven minutes later, Brown was again at fault as Heike Latzsch scored from close range to complete the scoring.







Brown assumes lead role in repeat performance



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Brown: new maturity

By Jack Bailey

THE OVAL (second day of four): Essex, with all secondinnings wickets in hand, are 107 runs ahead of Surrey

DIFFERENT actors in different roles and slight variations in the plot, but by and large the same play as on Wedneswas enacted before an Oval crowd, most of them with both ears on the Test match. The leading part of saviour of the side was yesterday given a more flamboyant interpretation by Alistair Brown than by his Essex counterpart, Darren Robinson, on the previous day, and there were other variables on the basic theme. but the similarities were

the essential plot-line in the first act: a collapse by the early order. They took matters to the extremes of dramatic tension by losing their first six wickets. for 107. But this only served to make the eventual recovery to within 67 of Essex's first innings more exciting; and in Brown they had a performer

outstanding for the role.

Brown had not made a championship century for Surrey since he scored one at Canterbury in August 1995. The right mix of natural flair and sensible caution has escaped him. Yesterday, though, it looked as if he had found a new maturity. He received a nasty knock on his right hand when he had made 67, but he went on playing his shots, often taking the bottom, in-jured hand, off the bat as he

After the Surrey innings. Brown went for a precautionary X-ray and no fracture was discovered Certainly, by the time he had finished with them. Essex were themselves in need of restoration, especially as the script demanded that the later Surrey batsmen should be obdurate to the last.

Brown made his entrance with Surrey on 36 for four wickets, 301 behind, or perhaps more to the point at that stage, needing los to save the follow-on. Ashley Cowan, aided by some good catching behind the wicket, was playing his part for Essex, being in the midst of a spell which brought him three wickets for bury. Bicknell. Kennis and Shahid had all retired to the Cowan's fourth fatal thrust

accounted for Hollioake with the score on 82, but Brown found a willing straight man in Lewis, who delivered some forceful lines of his own, and a gradual transformation took place. These two added \$5 in 23 overs. Brown, by now in full command, went on to his century from 135 balls, which included two vintage sixes and

13 fours. When he finally chopped a short ball from Cowan on to his stumps. Surrey were only 99 runs adrift. Then the bit players came into their own. Jamie Knott has yet to attain his father's range, but he has

ermination to get his point across. After he had taken 28 minutes to register, he and Benjamin kept Essex waiting while the last wicket added 32 By then, Mark Ilott had retired from the stage with a twinge in his thigh and the final curtain was somewhat

Which is more than can be said for events when Essex once more took the part of batsmen. Gooch and Robinson proceeded without undue incident but then five lights on the scoreboard shone brightly. the players could hardly see their noses in front of them and the audience went home early, though without in the slightest feeling short-

VICTORIA MATTHER

YESTERDAY'S SCOREBOARDS

DERBYSHIRE: First innings J Barnett c Aymas b Boyll S Rolins b Renshaw

Score # 120 overs 421-7 FALL OF WICKETS, 1-6, 2-130, 3-146, 4 175 | 5-248, 6-297, 7-300, 8-509, 9-515

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Total (2 wkts, 51 overs) FALL OF WACKETS 1-116, 2-111

Durham v Sussex louri Durham, with one hist-inning; wided in hand, are 64 runs behind Sussex

SUSSEX: First Innings N J Lenham low b Brown N Greenfield c and b Foster N R Taylor c Speight b Walker C W J Alney c Speight b Bets

Score at 120 overs 359-9 FALL OF WICKETS 1-96, 2-153, 3-177, 4-202, 5-250, 6-265, 7-281, 8-344, 9-348

DURHAM: First Innings J J B Lewis a Moores b Jarvis M A Roseberry low b Drakes J E Morris b Drakes N J Speak to Drakes *D C Boon low b Drakes Total (9 wkls, 84 overs) ...,..... FALL OF WICKETS: 1-6, 2-101, 3-101, 4-107, 5-184, 6-244, 7-286, 8-295, 9-297 101, 5-184, 0-244, 7-266, 8-255, 9-257 BOWLING Jarvs 22-3-91-2, Drakes 20-4-77-4, Robinson 14-2-46-3, khan 19-3-44-0; K Newell 9-1-34-0

KENT: First Innings

D P Fulton c Frost b Brown . M J Walker c Frost b Small . Total (8 wkts, 111 overs) Bonus points. Kent 7 Warwickshire 6

LORD'S (second day of lour): Middlesex, with six first-innings wickets in hand, are 19 runs ahead of Leicestershire LEICESTERSHIRE: First Innings J Wells c Ramprakash b Hewitt 1. Maddy b Fraser

Bonus points: Middlesex 6 Leicestershire

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BOW_ING Brown 37.5-5-115-5 Betts 15-0-51-1, Saggers 24-5-56-1, Walker 27-8-82-1; Foster 18-8-53-2

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Kent v Warwickshire TUNBRIDGE WELLS (second day of four), Kenl, with two first-innings wickets in hand, are five runs ahead of Warwickshire

WARWICKSHIRE: First Innings 314 (T L Penney 84, J B D Thompson 5 for 89)

M J McCague to bat FALL OF WICKETS 1-30, 2-99, 3-147, 4-181, 5-193, 6-235, 7-237, 8-243 BCMUNG Welch 30-6-103-0; Small 19-7-51-3, Smith 25-7-50-1; Brown 19-3-66-3, Edmond 18-7-40-1

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BOWLING Fraser 31.2-7-77-6, Hewitt 27-8-63-2, Johnson 18-2-84-0, Weekes 10-2-16-1, Tufnett 26-13-32-1 MIDDLESEX: First Innings

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Lancashire appetite for uphill task

By PAT GIBSON

CRICKET

show little

TAUNTON (second day of four): Somerset (20pts) heat Lancashire (4) by seven wickers

WHEN people talk about splitting the county championship into two divisions, Lancashire blithely assume that they will be in the Premiership like their neighbours at the other Old Trafford. If they carry on playing like they did in this match they would be lucky to get into the third division

It could be said that their performance improved by about 100 per cent between the first day and the second since they scored almost twice as many runs and resisted for nearly twice as many overs. Yet they were still humiliated

SCOREBOARD

LANCASHIRE: First imnings 88 (K J Shine 7 for 43)

Second Innings 5 P Trichard low b Shine

xtras (tb 9, w 3, nb 16)

SOMERSET: First Innings 189 (P.D. Bowler 53, G.Chapple 4 for 80, P.J. Martin 4 for 29)

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BOWLING Martin 9-4-21-2; Chappie 4-0-17-1, Auslin 7-1-16-0; keedy 1.2-0-10-0.

Umpires: J.D. Bond and N.T. Plews

with more than 18 overs and two days to spare. And that despite the fact that there was no play before lunch vesterday because of rain.

Dav Whatmore, their Australian coach, laid the blame squarely on the pitch which, he said, was "definitely substandard". But the umpires reiterated that they would not be condemning it in their report to Lord's.

Whatmore's contention was that Lancashire handed Somerset the advantage when they chose to bat first because they underestimated the surface moisture in the pitch. Yet rather than blaming the conditions he would surely be better employed inviting his batsmen to consider the way

they played on it. If being bowled out for 88 in 22.1 overs on the first morning could be considered unfortunate, being dismissed for 164 in 43.4 overs vesterday afternoon, certainly could not.

The notion that batsmen had to get as many runs as they could before the pitch got them was senseless; the application, in too many cases. were spineless.

Because they are used to playing on flat pitches at Old Trafford, they appeared to have unnerved, first by the sight of Kevin Shine swinging the ball around to take seven for 43 in their first innings. then by the spectacle of Jason Gallian being struck on the hand by Adrianus van Troost and suffering his fifth fracture in two years.

Whatever it was, Lancashire, resuming at 40 for one with 61 required just to avoid an innings defeat were soon in further trouble when Shine bowled Chapple as the night watchman launched himself

into an optimistic drive which was to set the pattern for the Shine's swing quickly did for Titchard as well before van Troost, at last free from injury and bowling with greater accuracy than he has done in seven seasons since arriving from Holland, exposed Lloyd's lack of technique

against genuine fast bowling. Lloyd had almost run himself out first ball in his eagerness to escape a "pair" but that only took him to van Troost's end. Twice he played and missed, once he slashed desperately for four, and finally, he almost flinched away from a short ball which took the edge on its way to the wicketkeeper.

Fairbrother then sliced an attempted drive to gully to give the admirable Shine ten wickets in a match for the first time and all that remained were the flailing bats of Watkinson, Austin, Hegg and Martin, the latter sensationally caught by Mushtao running fully 30 yards from third man to backward point. Austin was bowled trying to hit a second six into the river.

"Send on the clowns". scoffed one disgruntled Lancastrian as his side took the field to try to prevent Somerset scoring a mere of to win. But to be fair, they did make the batsmen work hard for the runs before Mushtaq settled the issue with two clubbing

Hobbling Lynch | Noon and Johnson adds to damage

By MICHAEL AUSTIN

century of the match.

Gloucestershire's strong

position had been made nos-

sible by Michael Smith,

whose six for 58 followed his

match figures of ten for 106

against Hampshire last

month, and by the batting of

Tony Wright and Lynch.

Wright made 79 before Byas

ok a sharp catch at first slip.

Smith returned three for 27

in his morning spell, dismiss-

ing Gavin Hamilton with a ball hustling through fiend-

ishly, to illustrate that the

pitch had not altogether lost

its split personality of highs

and lows. Richard Blakey was

the other key individual, scor-

ing 51 not out from 118 balls as

The uneven bounce meant

that the sweep became a

dangerous stroke but Lynch

diced with danger and pros-

pered. His share of a half-

century partnership with

The champagne was proba-

bly flowing already for Gloucestershire, in second

place before this round of

matches, as they edged back

towards the top spot, occupied

by Glamorgan, who are with-

out a championship match. The initial celebrations were

for Martyn Ball, the off spin-

ner, who had returned from a

quick trip home after the birth

41 — summed up

Alleyne

his panache.

those around him perished.

HEADINGLEY (second day but scored his second halfof four): Gloucestershire, with five second-innings wickets in hand, are 303 runs ahead of Yorkshire

THE first-day demons in the Headingley wicket disappeared, perhaps in deference to a visitation by Harry Brind, the English Cricket Board pitch inspector. Well used to motorway dashes, only for surfaces to simmer down the morning after the day before, Brind deemed no further action would be necessary after the 16-wicket tumble on Wednesday.

All was still not sweetness and light. David Byas, the Yorkshire captain, at first slip, claimed a low catch edged by Mark Alleyne, his opposite number, when Alleyne was on 12. The Gloucestershire captain, who advanced to an unbeaten 49, stood his ground and after consultation between the umpires was ruled

A mellowing surface simply enhanced Gloucestershire's command. Their irresistible victory march is fortified by Michael Vaughan, the York-

shire opener with a cracked wrist, being unable to bat except in an emergency. Yorkshire have been in that state for most of the two days, failing to cope with Monte Lynch, who tweaked a ham-

string, limped and hobbled

enliven drab day By James Allen NORTHAMPTON (second

day of four): Nottinghamshire, with one first-innings wicket in hand, are 24 runs ahead of Northamptonshire

AFTER another attritional

Wright waits as Silverwood, the Yorkshire fast bowler, strains to gain a breakthrough at Headingley yesterday

day, little separates these teams. That Nottinghamshire have a modest lead is almost entirely thanks to Wayne Noon, whose gritty innings of 83 held the side together when it seemed to be slowly disintegrating. For Northamptonshire, the plot is recurring painfully; like Bowen, who troubled them with the ball, Noon used to ply his trade

This was his highest firstclass score and he deserved a century, not least for enlivening a drab encounter. He hit 13 fours and hoisted Taylor over long-on for six, timing the ball almost as well as Johnson, who made the other meaningful contribution. Though he came in with Nottinghamshire at 91 for six, Noon showed that there was nothing to fear in the pitch and that aggression had a place amid

defiance. For about an hour before lunch, Johnson had done likewise, making a nonsense of the nudges and flicks that had been the common currency of the game. He simply stood there and whacked the ball. It was like a cloudburst in a drought. His first six scoring

shots were boundaries, glorious in their lack of inhibition.

Mohammad Akram suffered more than most and struggled to find his rhythm throughout the day. He has some work to do to prove his worth to his new county. Until Noon got stuck in, no one had dared to follow Johnson's lead and seize the mo-

ment when Nottinghamshire had the upper hand. To some extent, the lack of ambition was understandable. Without the injured Robinson and Pollard, they are a fresh-faced team playing for their places Astle, who has scored Test centuries against West Indies and England, is an exception. But his first innings for Nottinghamshire lasted only five balls, Bailey picking up a good low catch at third slip.

Curran can take credit for making life difficult for the batsmen: he had Welton legbefore, offering no shot, and bowled Afzaal and Dowman through the gate, swinging the ball back into the left-handers. Johnson had perished mak-

ing room to cut Emburey in the over before lunch and he was furious with himself. It was the cue for the match to return to its somnolent state, eyelids growing heavy as Emburey beguiled. Fortunately, Noon made everyone sit up and take notice before Taylor found his outside edge ten minutes from the close.

Northamptonshire v Nottinghamshire

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J N Snape c Welton b Tofley
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J E Emburey b Bowen
J P Taylor not out
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J P Dowman b Curran
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U Johnson b Emburey
G F Archer c Ripley b Emburey
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259 Bonus points. Northampronshire 5. Northamphamshire 6. Umpres G / Burgess and J H Hams

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SURREY: First Innings
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A D Brown bi Cowan
B C Hollicate of Rollins bi Cowan
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Bonus points Surrey 6 Essex 7 Umpires A.A. Jones and D.R. Shepherd Yorkshire v Gloucestershire HEADINGLEY (second day of lour); Gloucestershire, with live second-innings wickets in hand, are 303 runs ahead of Yorkshire

GLOUCESTERSHIRE: First Innings 205 Second Innings A J Wright c Byas b Silverwood N J Trainor c Blakey b Siemp R J Cunlifle b Silverwood M A Lynch b White
S Young c and b Semp
*M W Alleyne not out
1R C Russell not out
Extras (lb 1, w 4)

Total (5 wkts) . FALL OF WICKETS 1-56, 2-129, 3-150, 4-167, 5-217

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B Parker flow b Smith
C White c and b Alleyne
1R J Blokey not out
P J Harricy b Lewis
G M Hamilton ibor b Smith
C E W Silverwood b Smith
R D Stemp c Russell b Smith
Extras (b 4, lb 2, w 4, nb 4) BOWLING: Smith 22 1-6-58-6, Lewis 18-4-58-2, Young 11:3-35-0, Alleynis 5-2-11-1, Hancock 3-0-11-0, Ball 1-0-4-0 Bonus points Yorkshire 4 Gloucester

Umpires J H Hampshire and T E Jesty University match Oxford University v Glamorgan THE PARKS (first day of three, Glamor-gan won loss) Odord University, with rine first-innings wickets in hand, are 348 runs behind Glamorgan

GLAMORGAN: First Innings A W Evans c Scrim b Pale!
M J Powell not out
P A Cottey : Fulton b Byrne
G P Butchur not out
Extras (lb 4 w 4, nb 16) Total (2 wkts dec) A Dale, W L Law, †A D Shaw, S D Thomas, D A Cosker, P Warren and G J M Edwards did not bal. FALL OF WICKETS 1-33, 2-251 BOWLING Avens 19-1-102-0, Patel 10-1-63-1; Bartarbee 10-0-70-0, Wagh 18-1-103-0, Byrne 12-0-69-1, Hudson 1-0-11-

OXFORD UNIVERSITY: First proinces Total (1 wkt) ... J.A. G. Fulton, P. G. Morgan, J.J. Bull, C. Patel, J.M. M. Avens, L. G. Buchanan, tA.F. Scrini and C. M. Baltarbee to ball FALL OF WICKET 1-0 BOWLING: Thomas 7-2-28-1, Warren 6 1-29-0; Cosker 3-2-1-0; Butcher 3-0-16-0 Umpires M J Katchen and K J Lyone

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Simmering bowler takes out his frustration on Australia

Caddick soon comes to the boil

HENDERSON



At Edgbaston

GOODNESS gracious, what day! As English bowlers blew away Australian batsmen in the morning, an assembly of pre-teens in the Rea Bank Stand squeaked its treble chorus. Later, when the grog had done its work and Hussain and Thorpe were associating with wonderful freedom, there was more adult encouragement from the other side. By the end of a long day. Edgbaston was awash with communal stupefaction.

It was one of those "I-wasthere" occasions and made for a truly extraordinary start to the summer's Test cricket. The way that the crowd lapped it up might finally have persuaded the England players that they are beginning to win back the trust of the cricketwatching public, although it is nor always easy to judge the size of that constituency.

On Wednesday night, for instance, Radio 5 Live, which often gives the impression of being run by a common-room of excitable sixth-formers, neglected to mention the start of the Ashes series on its key evening sports round-up. Obviously, a contest that goes back 120 years is not important enough for the young thrusters of Langham Place. A few more days like this. though, and even they will be



Fingers crossed: Mark Waugh walks out to bat as Taylor makes his exit yesterday

the way people used to do when Botham wore a crown. There will never be a better time for an ambitious England player to establish a place for himself in the public imagination or, in Darren Gough's case, to re-establish a

Gough bowled terrifically well in the morning to rip out Malcolm bowled tolerably well, but he did get the wicket of Mark Taylor to keep the Australia captain imprisoned in a vortex from which there seems to be no escape. Malcolm will not last the series, in all probability. Andrew Caddick probably will.

Caddick was peeved to be left out of the Texaco Trophy internationals and took out his

half. He is an attacking bowler who is starting to bowl the fuller length he needs and there was never much doubt that he would be invited to find it at Edgbaston.

He's a funny old stick. A team-mate, asked to describe him, would say only: "He's a bit ... odd." It cannot help him that, being born and

English mainly in a convenient sense. He came here to play professional cricket and it was evident that, for whatever reason, he was the only England player yesterday not to wear the new cap.

For four years, Caddick has struggled to immerse himself in the England side. He was first picked when Australia were last here and showed enough promise to be retained for the tour that followed, to the West Indies, where he returned his only two fivewicket performances before the one he completed yesterday when Malcolm held an improbably good catch at third man.

It is true that Caddick has suffered with injuries. He underwent an operation on

'People have always known that he has the talent'

shin splints two years ago knowing that, if he did not emerge a fitter man, he would never play at an acceptable level again. But that is only a partial explanation. The other part lay in his head. People knew that he had talent; they also thought that he was a mardy type who tended to make excuses when things did not go his way.

As recently as February, before England picked themselves up by their bootstraps, he was out of favour. He had not endeared himself to Michael Atherton or David Lloyd in Zimbabwe and privately they must have thought: "What sort of chap have we got here?"

They, and we, may be about to find out. He finished the winter strongly and can only benefit from belonging to an England side as a full member instead of being a "country" one. This was a good day for him, and a great one for

Digging for poetic gold

BBC2, midday

A fellow poet. John Hegley conducts an accessible introduction to the work of the Nobel laureate Seamus Heaney. The programme is ostensibly directed at schoolchildren, though adults are welcome to tune in as well. If they do, more than a few bookshops could find their shelves being scoured for Heaney's verse. Hegley's enthusiasm for his subject has that effect. His approach is to suggest that poetry is a form of digging, an appropriate metaphor as Heaney grew up on a farm. The poems discussed by Hegley, with key lines helpfully displayed on the screen, are mainly about childhood in Northern Ireland and are a distillation of the poet's own experiences. Catherine distillation of the poer's own experiences. Catherine Byron and Tom Paulin, also poets as well as university lecturers in literature, add their admiring and unpretentious gloss.

The Man Who Made Husbands Jealous

Jilly Cooper's story of adultery and seduction among the super-rich comes to the screen promising more than it delivers. Great drama it is not and even as a sexual romp it does not possess the necessary style and humour. But on its own preposterous terms there is much to enjoy. For a prejusterous terms there is much to enjoy. For start the characters have such strange names, headed by the hero called Lysander Hawkley. Played by Stephen Billington, he is a young man of impossibly good looks whose job is to mend marriages. The idea is that rich and neglected wives employ him for a generous fee as a means of luming their philogeneous hysbands back to the luring their philandering husbands back to the fold. So, after everybody has jumped into bed with everybody else, conventional morality is finally restored. As one of the newly reconciled husbands tells his spouse: "All I ever wanted was the best for you, for me and for the kids." Bet you never thought you would hear that line again.

Drovers' Gold BBC1, 9_30pm

"There is a darkness about the man". No, this is not Ann Widdecombe laying into Michael Howard, but a sombre verdict on Armstrong, the cattle drive's bearded blacksmith, after he tries to

Stephen Billington (ITV, 9.00pm)

drown himself. Armstrong, it transpires, has a guilty secret which made him throw himself into guilty secret which made him throw himself into the river with a bag of rocks. He is not the only one harking back to an unhappy past. Since the drive itself, for all sorts of diversionary reasons, is still struggling to get across the border from Wales into England, the drama needs such skeleton rattling to maintain its momentum. Progress is further diverted by an uncommon number of romantic liaisons. Call Drover's Gold a western if you wish, but John Wayne would have trounced the bad guys and had the cattle to market long ago.

Harry Hill Channel 4, 10.30pm

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Does Harry Hill have those huge shirt collars specially made or can anyone buy them? Has he got a crush on Zeinab Badawi and if not why does he mention her so often on his shows? If this is beginning to sound like a Hill script, his quickfire nonsensical patter can be catching. It is difficult to be wholly original in the comedy business and Hill owes more than a passing debt to the Goons. But the Goons were a long time ago and Hill has the tradition almost to himself. The level of inspiration varies and half an hour of sustained brilliance is too much to expect, particularly as Hill writes and varies and than air hour of solutions of thindice and too much to expect, particularly as Hill writes and performs all his material. But he is one of the best of the current crop of younger comedians and almost alone among them in that his humour is virtually a smut-free zone.

Peter Waymark

RADIO CHOICE

Bora Free Radio 2, 9.15pm

Joy Adamson was murdered by tribesmen in Kenya 17 years ago, an event made all the more shocking by the fact that Adamson and her husband had seemed, to casual followers of their ives, to be part of the fabric of Africa. But the defence of animals makes enemies everywhere. Born Free, which begins an eight-part reading by Virginia McKenna today, was published in 1960, became a huge best-seller and was made into a successful film, complete with a tacky theme song sung by Matt Monro. The glamorisation of Joy Adamson tended to make her seem a naive romantic, yet the book shows that she had the toughness to make a real difference. Born Free is a terrific read which was well ahead of its time.

The Truth is Our Currency

Radio 4, 9.45am

This is the last part of a series that seems to have been around for months, for the very good reason that it has. The broadcasts had to be interrupted when Martin Bell, white knight in white suit, rode to the rescue of seedy politics and took Tatton from Neil Hamilton in the most spectacular result of a spectacular election. So now the last part of Bell's investigation of television news can at last be heard and it was worth waiting for. Bell particularly highlights the freedom British television correspondents enjoy - they are, more or less. their own editors - but this brings with it a great responsibility, an obligation occasionally abandoned by the unscrupulous when the race is on to get the best "story".

Peter Barnard

RADIO 1

7.00am Mart Raddiffe 9.00 Simon Mayo 12.00 Jo Whiley 2.00pm Nicky Campbell, includes Attembon Loveleast 4.00 Kevin Greening 6.15 Newsbeat 6.30 Pete Tong — Essential Selection 10.00 One in the Jungle 3.00am Charlie Jordan

RADIO 2

6.00am Sarah Kennedy 7.30 Wake Up to Wogen 9.30 Ken Bruce 11.30 Anne Robinson 1.30pm Debbie Thrower 3.00 Ed Stewart 5.05 Ctris Serie 7.00 Hubert Gregg 7.30 Filday Night is Music Night 9.15 Born Free See Choice (1/8) 9.30 A Taste of Brass 10.00 Shendan Morley 12.05am Sue McGarry Incl at 2.30 Pause for Thought with Pauline Webb

RADIO 5 LIVE

The Magazine 12.00 Midday with Mar 2.00 Ruscoe on Five 4.00 John Inverdale Nanorwide 7.00 News Extra 7.20 Friday Sport Includes St Helens v Auckland Warnors and London Broncos v Brisbarie in the Super League world club championships Plus French Open leinnis from Pans 10,00 Paper Talk with Brian Alexander and Jay Rayner 11,00 News Extra with David McNeill 12,00 After Hours with Allan Beswick 2.00em Up All Night with Pichard Dailyn

TALK RADIO 5.00am Chris Ashley and Sandy Warr 7.00 Paul Ross 9.00 Scott Chisholm 12.00 Lorranne Kelly 2.00pm Tommy Boyd 4.00 Drivelime, with Peter Deeley 7.00 Moz Dee's Sportszone 10.00 Mike Allen 1.00am Ian Collins

WORLD SERVICE

All times in BST. News on the hour 6,00am Newsday 6,30 Europe 7.15 World Today 7.30 Pick of the World 8.15 Off the Shelf 8.30 Music Review 9.10 Pause for Thought 9.15 Performance 9.30 John Peel 10.05 Business 10.15 Born a Girl 10.30 BBC English 10.45 Sport 11.30 Assignment 12.30pm Focus on Faith 1.05 Business 1.15 British 1.30 Visions of Reality 1.45 Sport 2.00 Newshour 3.05 Outlook 3.30 Multitrack 4.05 Football 4.15 Twists of Nature 4.30 News in German 5.00 Europe 5.30 Business 5.45 British 6.15 World Today 6.30 News in German 6.40 Sport 7.30 Europe 5.30 Europe 5.40 Regions on Earth News in German 6.40 Spotlight 6.45 Sport 7.30 Focus on Faith 8.01 Outlook 8.25 Pause for Thought 8.30 Multitrack 9.00 Newshour 10.05 Business 10.15 Britain 10.30 People and Politics 10.45 Sports Roundup 11.30 World Today 11.45 Sport 12.05am Outlook 12.30 Multirack 1.30 From the Weekles 1.45 Britain 2.30 The Streets of London 3.30 People and Politics 4.05 Business 4.15 Sport 4.30 Weekend 4.45 Off the Shelf 5.00 Outlook 5.45 Music Brief

CLASSIC FM

4.00am Mark Griffiths 7.00 Mike Read 9.00 Half of Fame Hou 10.00 Henry Kelly 1.00pm Lunchlime Concerto 3.00 Jame Crick 7.00 Classic Newsright 7.30 Sonata 8.00 Evening Concert. Brahms (Selection of Waltzes Op 39); Kodaly (Dances of Galanta); Brahms (Violin Sonata in G major Op 78) 10.00 Michael Mappin 2.00am Lunchlime Concerto (r)

VIRGIN RADIO

6.00em Russ in Jono's Breakfast Experience 10.00 Graham Dene 1.00pm Jeremy Clark 4.00 Nicky Horne 7.00 Paul Coyte (FM) / Robin Banks (AM) 10.00 Alan Freeman 12.00 Mari-Forrest 2.00em Richard Porter

RADIO 3

6.00am On Air, with Penny Gore, Includes Bridge (String Quariet No 1 in E minor); Albinoni (Concerto in G. Op 10 No 8); Borodin (Polovisian Dances); Beethoven (Sevtet in E flat, Op 71); Turnia (Sevtet, Scene Andalouse); Rameau (In

Covertendo)

9.00 Morning Collection, with Peter Hobday, Includes Mozart (Pano Sonata in C, K330), Handel (Incidental Music. Cornus); Tchaikovsky (Overture, Francesca da Rimni)

10.00 Musical Encounters, Includes Bach (Jesu, Joy), Nielsen (Pan and Syrum); Lyapunov (Transcendental Study No 12), Bach (Concerto in C minor for Violin and Oboe, BWY1080), Bax (Greek Folk Songs); Poutenc (Tino for Oboe, Bassoon and Piano); Leclair (Premiere Recréation, Op 6, myts 7 and 8), Froberger (Lamentation on the Death of Ferdinad III); Thomas Piffield (Rondo Linco), Robert Saxton (Concerto for Orchestra)

12.00 Composer of the Weels Dvořák Abroad

1.00pm News; Manchester Summer Recitals, Live from the concert hall of New Broadcasting House Rodney Statford introduces the Gould Tino, Lucy Gould, violin, Martin Storey, cello and Gretel Dowdeswell, plano Trio in C, Op 87)

Brahms (Pisno Trio in C, Op 87)

2.00 Private Passions. Michael Berkeley talks to Sir Richard Eyre, the artistic director of the National

Theatre in London (r)

3.00 Mining the Archive. Sandy Burnell introduces music recorded by the oboist Leon Goossens Includes Britten's Fantasy Quartet and Amold's

Sonatina
5.00 Music Machine. Sieve Tanca demonstrates music on his Internet website. Plus a look at whether 3-D radio is possible

5.15 in Tune. Presented by Andrew Green Includes Tchaikovsky (Waltz; Vot Tak Syupriz. Eugene Oregin!). Beethoven (Bagatelle in B mmor. Op 126 No 41; C.P.E. Bach (Symphony in G. Wq.182 No 1) 7.30 BBC National Orchestra of Wales (Sounding the Century). Live from St David's Hall, Cardiff Conductor Mark Wigglesworth, Rolf Hind pland Three works commissioned by the BBC and

performed for the lirst time. Unsuk Chin (Piano Concerto) 7.55 Book of the Month Poet Dana Giota reviews James Tate: Selected Poems and discusses what surrealism means to modem America 8.15 Concert, part two David Sawer (The Greatest Happiness Principle); John Pickard (Symphony No 3)

9.30 A Wet Handle. The final selection of songs stones and poems from the humanst hor Cutler 9.45 What's Up, Doc? For more than two decades.

9.45 What's Up, Doc? For more than two decades, Carl Stalling wrote the music for Warner Brothers' Meny Melodies cartoons. He talks about his time shared with the tikes of Daify Duck, Porky Pig and, of course. Bugs Burny

10.00 Hear and Now. Introduced by Sarah Walker. The Steve Martiand Band in session featuring recordings from his Strike Out Summer School of 1996 and including a number of first broadcasts. Martiand (Eternal delight) Joe Dudell (Dole Stages), Martiand (Mr Anderson's Pavane), Philip Venables (Strike Out), Paul Clay (Jagged), Andrew Edwards (The Etc of a Memoria), Martiand (Horses of Instruction, Remix)

11.30 Composer of the Week: Kompold (f)

11.30 Composer of the Week: Komgold (r) 12.30am Jazz à la Lee. The third of Mei Hill's four-part profile of the legendary jazz vocalist, Peggy Lee (r) 1.00 Through the Night, with Donald Macleod. Includes 1.00 Cimarosa's Il Pittor Parigno

RADIO 4

5.55am Shipping Forecast (LW) 6.00 News Briefing 6.10 Familing Today 6.25 Prayer for the Day 6.30 Today, includes Thought for the Day 8.40 Yesterday in Parliament 9.00 News 9.05 Desert Island Discs. Sue Lawley talks to the planed Joanna MacGregor (r) 9.45 The Truth Is Our Currency, See Choice (4/4) 10.00 News; A Dance Called America (FM). The historian James Hunter tolls the story of transattantic emigration from Scotland, Settlers who moved to Cape Breton felt there was the same "energy in the ground" (4/5)

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10.00 Daily Service (LW)

10.15 On This Day (LW)

10.30 Woman's Hour, with Gai Foley

10.55-1.00pm Test March Special (LW). England v Australia. Coverage of the second day's play of the Irist Test from Edgbasion

1.30 The Natural History Programme (FM)

12.00 News; You and Yours (FM), with Mark Whittaker

12.25pm Food Programme (FM). Presented by Derek Cooper 12.55 Weather

1.00 The World at One

1.40 The Archers (f) 1.55 Shipping Forecast

1.40-6.30 Test March Special (LW). Continued coverage from Edgbasion

2.00 News; Classic Serial: Mansfield Park (FM). The Inal part of Jano Austen's story (r)

3.00 News; The Afternoon Shift (FM)

4.00 News; The Afternoon Shift (FM)

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garden of the Dulwich Picture Gatlery And he sees the Mark Morris dance group in a new colleboration with English National Opera 4.45 Short Story: Famous for One Thing (FIS), by Mat Coward Read by Chris Harris

5.00 PM (FM), with Charlie Lee-Poiter and Chris Lowe
5.50 Shipping Forecast 5.55 Weather
6.00 Six O'Clock News (FM)
6.30 A Man with Latitude. David Neil Lodge begins a journey from the Arctic Circle to the Mediterranean Each weekly destination will have to be reached within four days and will be determined by the throw of a dica. Listeners are invited to e-mail, favor telephone the show with advice on the best route to take
7.00 News 7.05 The Archers
7.20 Pick of the Week. Simon Hopgart presents his selection of extracts from BBC radio and television 8.05 Any Questions? Jonathan Dimbleby chairs the topical debate in Sette. North Yorkshire With Angela Browning. MP, the contemporary historian. Professor Pater Henessy, the Minister for the Environment, Michael Meacher, and Times columnist Matthew Pairis
8.50 Law in Action, Louise Shorte reports on the possibility of Britain making denial of the Holocaust a criminal offence
9.15 Letter from America, by Akstair Cooke
9.30 Kaleidoscope Feature. Peter Curran interviews Julian Clary (r)
10.00 The World Tonight, with Robin Lustig
10.45 Book at Bedtime: Graffiti, by Jonathan Treitel Read by David Horovitch
11.50 Week Endfing. A calinical look at the week's news by Times Columnist John Diamond
11.45 Today in Parliament. A roundup of the day's events in Westmissier

events in Westminster
12.00 News 12.30 The Late Book: The Information, by Marin Ams (5/15) (r)

12.48 Shipping Forecast 1.00 As World Service

FREQUENCY GUIDE. RADIO 1. FM 97.6-99.8. RADIO 2. FM 88.0-90.2. RADIO 3. FM 90.2-92.4. RADIO 4. FM 92.4-94.6: LW 198: MW 720. RADIO 5. LIVE. MW 693, 909. WORLD SERVICE. MW 646: LW 198 (12.45-5.55am). Television and radio listings compiled by Peter Dear, Ian Hughes, Rosemary Smith, Susan Thomson, Jane Gregory and John McNamara.

Morning glory stirs memories of Tyson John Woodcock fondly remembers a Test match morning of comparable English euphoria — in Melbourne 42 years ago

Edgbaston yesterday. first when Australia were being reduced to 54 for eight and later when Hussain magnificently after tea, was something that Englishmen experience only when our old green-capped rivals are on the receiving end. And I mean

i have spent no happier. more heartening morning at a cricket match since Australia were losing their last eight

that only as a compliment to them. ----**TOMORROW IN**

THE TIMES ได้ตั้ง เรียดประกะไร้ร the cricket yesterday morning. England were dismissed for 52, and a painfully protracted

John Woodcock, cricket correspondent of The Times from 1954 to 1987 and a former editor of Wisden, selects the best players in the history of the game

runs in the third Test match at Melbourne on the 1954-55 tour. Needing 240 to win, Australia were howled out by Frank Tyson and Brian Statham for III after starting the day at 75 for two. In 51

balls Tyson took six for 16, bowling at a speed that has probably never been equalled by a white man. Australians with a long enough memory will be recalling with a good deal more pleasure the first morning of the fifth Test match at the Oval in 1948. That was much the nearest parallel in anything like "modern times" to

business it was: it took 42 overs to happen. Ray Lindwall took 6 for 20. Keith Miller two for five and Bill Johnston two for 20, and, like England now, Australia caught everything that left the ground. Of England's 52, Len Hutton scored 30 and Norman Yardley, the captain. seven; the other nine, who included Bill Edrich and Denis Compton managed nine between them. Hutton was first in and last out, playing a legitimate leg glance off Lindwall only to see Don

Tallon dive far to his left to

partner was John Dewes, who recalled yesterday how good length balls from Miller kept hitting him in the ribs.

Although, in his last Test innings. Don Bradman was to fall second ball to Eric Hollies's googly. Australia went on to win that match by an innings. If England should come somewhere near to doing the same now, they will have Hussain and Thorpe to thank as much as their bowlers.

Coming together at 50-3, on a pitch that was losing some of its earlier freshness, but was still not quite to be trusted, these two batted most splendidly. May and Compton, Edrich and Cowdrey. Barrington and Gooch could have played no better. Their driving on the half-volley showed the confidence that is already running through the England side as a result of their convincing victories in the Texaco Trophy and their

bowling yesterday. Because they were going to bat if they won the toss. England were lucky to lose it. It was as though the Gods were with them. They might have faired better than Australia had they batted first, but they were conditions in which the quicker bowlers wanted

hands. To some extent Australia's problems were caused by swing, induced by the humidity; and they had some cause for thinking it was not a good Test pitch. By the close of play. though, they were in no

position to say so. Australia were outplayed in a way that would have been unthinkable a month ago.

Outplayed is a strong word, but for this once it is a fair one to use. It means that the stage should be set for a closefought series. Australia had they are doubting themselves: they have too many very good cricketers who are not playing for them and the mood is with England. But they are the world's greatest fighters, and this was the first day of a sixmatch series. They may have been taking too much for granted, but they will know

WORD-WATCHING

Answers from page 45

BUM BARREL (c) The local name for the long tailed tit, which can still be seen on bird tables in Notting Hill Gate. Aggithalos caudatus, but also called Bush Oven, Feather Pike, and Huck-Muck (for its nest). John Clare: "And coy burn barrels, twenty in a drove, / Flit down the hedgerows in the frozen plain." LAUS TIBE

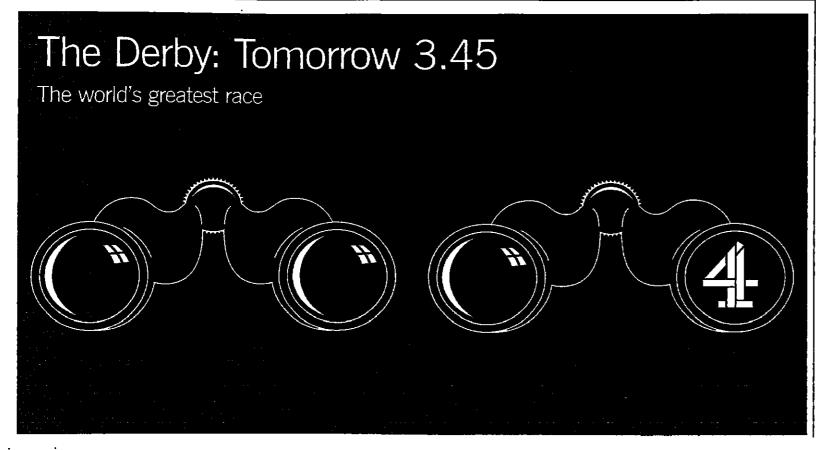
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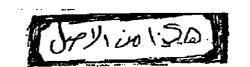
(a) A name for the White Narcissus, Narcissus poeticus. The Latin for "Good on you". "Praise to thee". "Laus Tibi or White Daffodill in Greeke is called Narkissos." MACHICOLATION

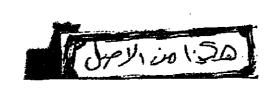
(c) An opening between the corbels which support a projecting parapet, or in the vault of a portal, through which combustibles, molten lead, stones, etc., were dropped on the heads of assailants. Also, a projecting structure containing a range of

MILLEFIORE (c) A kind of ornamental glass made by fusing glass rods of different sizes and colours, and cutting the mass into sections which exhibit ornamental figures of various pattern, and are usually embedded in colourless transparent glass to make

paperweights. From the Italian for "a thousand flowers". SOLUTION TO WINNING CHESS MOVE 1 Rxen! Rxe6 2 Rxd5+ Kc7 3 Rxd8 winning easily







If there's a next time, drop the dead audience

everal times over the past few weeks I have been tempted to return to the subject of Keeping Mum (BBCI). But each time I have reread my original review and thought: "Have I got anything new to say?" And for the most part. I hadn't. Seriously not funny it began and seriously not funny it remained.

Now it has finished. Medical columnists can stop writing about whether Peggy (Stephanie Cole) was suffering from the simple confusion of old age or the middle stages of Alzheimer's and television reviewers can stop writing paragraphs that begin Stephanie Cole was brilliant, but

Stephanie Cole was brilliant, but... Marrin Ball, who played Andrew, the stay-at-home son, was even better. Whether this is any compensation for an actor who has had the misfortune to be in both Chalk and Keeping Mum. I don't know - especially as the quality of the performance is one of the main reasons the series isn't funny.

Andrew's life has been ruined by his mother: his marriage is over, his career on hold, his social life non-existent. Last night's episode ended with his former wife quietly explaining that even if his mother was in a home (and she wasn't for long) she wouldn't be coming back. "I left you because we're different." Even the studio audience, which quickly established itself as one of the most irritating in sitcom history, had the grace not

Cole's meticulous performance as Peggy adds to the confusion. As Andrew put it: "I don't know whether you are vague or whether you are pretending to be vague."

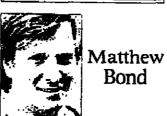
Nor do we, which is why we don't know whether to laugh or not. On the one hand, Peggy is only funny when she's batty, a fact which in this medically enlightened age

we're invited to laugh at it. On the other, when she is lucid, she reveals herself as a selfish, manipulative old bat who ought to be packed off into long-term care immediately. There, I think that should guarantee a second series.

If there were to be a second series, the BBC might like to follow the example of ITV which currently has two comedies, My Wonderful Life and Sec You Friday. running without studio laughter at all. Once you get used to it, it's wonderfully refreshing, both for the actors, who no longer have to invent extra bits of acting to do while the tumults subside, and for us. A smile is no longer an admission of failure.

The cast of My Wonderful Life has relished this new freedom and come up with a comedy that got better and better as it went along. Emma Wray has makes us feel awkward when been a treat as Donna, the lippy

REVIEW



nurse and single mother of two, but has received outstanding support from everyone around. Tony Robinson judged to perfection Alan, who, as her immensely irritating next-door neighbour, was the only part that threatened to succumb to sitcom stereotype. Liz Berrington, as Marina, his increasingly rebellious wife, particularly after a delicious close encounter with Roger (Harnish

Simon Nye, who created the episode, the final one in the series. which saw Donna tempted by a job offer in Portugal. This produced a mixed response among her two admirers. Dr Roger was Friday ... prepared to give up everything to come with her, while Lawrie, the ambulance driver who never does anything without his blue light on, was more sanguine: "Relationships are like T-shirts: they come in all styles and you should try and change them regularly." It sounded like a line from Nye's best known creation, Men Behaving Badly, but we can forgive that.

Donna, for reasons that were hard to fathom, was reluctant to swap her life of hospital drudgery and relentless poverty for one of sunshine and vachts in Portugal: "Once you've seen one swarthy

Clark), was wickedly enjoyable. Simon Nve, who created the Bridget (Claire Perkins), who as series but rotated writing duties well as being her best friend is with Paul Dornan and Amanda black, bristled: "That's a relief, for Swift, returned for last night's a moment I thought you were going to say something prejudiced. Lovely, Now, if somebody could do something about the appalling music in See You

n Channel 4, more serious matters were under discussion, as the excellent Health Alert continued its fine run with a report on premature menopause, while Dispatches took a new look at the shooting of WPC Yvonne Fletcher, outside the Libyan Embassy in London, 13 years ago. Both were long on personal anecdote but somewhat short of hard facts, the former because shamefully little work seems to have been done into the causes of early menopause, the latter because the reporter, Joe Layburn, is not a man to let substantiated facts stand in the way of a good conspiracy theory. He took off at speed, a tactic that

makes for good television but always makes me worry about holes in the evidence. Two gunmen not one (where have we heard that before?), one using a sub-machinegun as previously reported, one a hand gun smuggled into the country by a member of the Berlin underworld. Layburn's contention was that the lethal shot came not from a Libvan diplomat, inside the embassy, but from a gunman next door, working for an anti-Gaddafi terrorist group already responsible for the deaths of several Libyan diplomats. He further contended that both British and American Intelligence knew that guns were likely to be used in St James's Square, but failed to inform the police. A good effort but, thanks to an altogether convincing one.

Peter Waymark

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FRIDAY JUNE 6 1997

6.00am Business Breakfast (97631) 7.00 BBC Breakfast News (85525) 9.00 Breakfast News Extra (5964728) 9.20 Style Challenge (3867964)

9.50 Kilroy (T) (8770411) 10.25 Who'll Do the Pudding? Valentina Harris, Sophie Grigson and Jeanne Rankin prepare a tarrity picnic (1494380) 10.45 News, Regional News (T) and weather

10.50 Cricket: First Test: England v Australia Live coverage of the opening play on day two at Edgbaston. Introduced by Tony Lewis. Continues on BPC 103550079.

BBC2 (93559877) 12.35pm Neighbours (4921506) 1.00 News (T) and weather (88612)

1.30 Regional News (T) (15085877)

1.40 Cricket: First Test: England v Australia Tony Lewis introduces live coverage from Edgbaston Continues on BBC2 (3600457)

4.00 Bodger and Badger (r) (5714070) 4.15 Ace Ventura. Pet Detective (T) (T) (9241341) 4.35 Clarissa Explains It All (T) (6216186) 5.00 Newsround (T) (8938099) Year of the Reel with reports from the Cayman Islands; Portsmouth's Sealife Centre and the island of Zanzibar, off Africa's east coast (T) (7688902)

5.35 Neighbours (r) (T) (296815) 6.00 News (T) and weather (341)

6.30 Regional News Magazine (T) (693) 7.00 Weekend Watchdog On the eve of the Derby, Johnathan Maitland reports from Epsom rececourse on the bookies who refuse to pay up on winning bets. Plus: the rescue team fly to Kenya to save

holidaymakers staying in a squalld hotel in Mombasa (T) (6728) 7.30 Top of the Pops presented by Javne Middlemiss (T) (877) 8.00 X Cars The squad are on the trail of villains who can disguise a car's true identity in a matter of hours (r) (T) (2148)

8.30 Auntie's Sporting Bloomers A new series presented by Terry Wogan who is joined by golfing enthusiast Jimmy Tarbuck, while comic duo Parsons and Naylor take a sideways look at the world of sports broadcasting (4983)

9.00 News (T): Regional News (T) and

9.30 Provers' Gold Set in mid-19th-century Wales A cattle dealer and a struggling farmer enter into a bitter teud. With David Calder and Geraldine James (2/5) (1) (169457) 10.25 The Accused (1988) Jodie Foster in the

powerful role of a woman, gang-raped in a bar, who perseveres in getting justice. Also starring Kelly McGillls. Directed by Jonathan Kaplan (T) (128728)

12.10am Whatever Happened to Aunt Alice?
(1969) with Geraldine Page, Rosemary
Forsyth and Robert Fuller. A sinister widow finds a macabre way of acquiring wealth. She hires well-off housekeepers circumstances. Directed by Lee H Katzin

1.45-1.50 Weather (6934552)

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7.15 See Hear Breakfast News (T and signing) (1274983) 7.30 Teenage Turtles (r) (T) (6199877) 7.55 50/50 (r) (T) (6107896) 8.25 Adventures

of the Garden Faines (1758709) 8.35 The Record (2931254)

9.00 The French Experience (5931490) 9.15 The French Collection (167273) 9.45 Watch (4446506) 10.00 Telefubbies (r) (49235) 10.30 Watch Out (4313525) 10.45 Pathways of Belief (4301780) 11.00 Look and Read Special (5549070) 11.20 Job Bank (2490419) 11.30 Geography Programme (5070)



Poet Seamus Heaney (12.00)

12.00 English File: Poetry Back-pack Poems by Seamus Heaney (1689032) 12.35pm Cricket: First Test - England v Australia Live coverage continued from

BBC1 (4929148) 1.00 Job Bank (10627419) 1.10 Job Bank (45875896) 1.20 Lifeschool (90132896) 1.45 Words and Pictures (15095254)

2.00 Garden Fairies (r) (23038998) 2.05 Tooth Fairies (r) (24488439) 2.10 Alias Smith and Jones (r) (3055902)

3.00 News (T) 3.05 Making Babies. Last in series (4071148) 3.55 News 4.00 Cricket: First Test - England v Australia Further coverage from Edobaston (76288983)

6.25 Star Trek (r) (T) (624439) 7.15 Great Railway Journeys; Mombasa to the Mountains of the Moon Explorer Benedict Alten searches for the source of

the White Nile — by rail (r) (T) (137780) 8.00 Visions of Snowdonia: The Good Shepherds The work of sheep farmer John Lewis, on Cader Idris (T) (3490) 8.30 Gardeners' World Alan Titchmarsh creates a rustic effect with willow rods

and hazel (T) (2525) 9.00 The Fast Show (r) (1877) 9.30 VIP (Very Important Pennis) (II Dennis Pennis puts another crop of personalities

on the spot (40051) 10.00 Have I Got News for You The last of the series leaturing guests Germaine Greer and Lee Simpson (34902)

10.30 Newsnight (T) (541457) 11.15 Cricket: First Test - England Australia Highlights (876815) 11.55 This Life (r) (T) (760815)

12.40am-2.20 Rhapsody in August (1990)
Akira Kurosawa's sentimental drama,
with Richard Gere, Sachiko Murase and Hidelaka Yoshioka. A grandmother changes the lives of her family by recalling the death of her husband during the atom bomb attack on Nagasak with English subtitles (778858)

6.00am GMTV (9736815)

9.25 Supermarket Sweep (r) (T) (3884631)

9.55 Regional News (T) (4578964) 10.00 The Time, the Place (T) (36761) 10.30 This Morning (65922544)

12.20pm Regional News (T) (1247070) 12.30 News (T) and weather (4940631) 12.55 Our House (r) (4925322) 1.25 Home and Away (T) (90128693) 1.50 Murder, She Wrote (r) (5477896) 2.50 Garden Calendar (T) (2632099)

3.20 News (3100728)

3.25 Regional News (T) (3109099) 3.30 Rosie and Jim (3910186) 3.40 Slim Pig (8866167) 3.50 Cartoon Time (8855051) 4.00 The Treacle People (T) (5716438) 4.15 Hey Arnold (9227761) 4.40 Crazy

Cottage. Last in senes (T) (6542896) 5.10 A Country Practice (8825896) 5.40 News (T) and weather (439693) 6.00 Home and Away (r) (T) (273490) 6.25 HTV Weather (199099)

6.30 The West Tonight (T) (761) 7.00 Lucky Numbers (T) (1896) 7.30 Coronation Street Jack and Vera search for a solution to their financial difficulties

8.00 The Bill Loxton faces a dilemma when a pretty young suspect makes it quite clear she finds him attractive (T) (3524)



Neil Pearson as Greg (8.30pm)

8.30 See You Friday Greg and Lucy have just about had enough of the trustrations involved in living 300 miles apart and decide to rectify the situation. With Neil Pearson and Joanna Roth (T) (9051)

9.00 The Man Who Made Husbands Jealous Threepart adaptation of Jilly Cooper's racy tale (T) (8273)

10.00 News (T) and weather (38728) 10.30 Regional News (T) (794235)

10.40 Sounds of the West Featuring four new bands of differing styles (888490)

11.15 Indecency (1992) with Jennifer Beats, James Remar and Sammi Davis. Crime thriller about two workmales whose lives are plunged into chaos when a colleague is found dead. Directed by Marisa Silver (347896)

12.40am The Preppie Murder (1989) with William Baldwin, Joanna Kerns and Danny Aiello Legal drama based on the true story of an innocent girl's shocking death in New York's Central Park Directed by John Herzfeld (683736)

2.25 Club Nation (T) (9943991) 3.30 Bonkers (T) (9615736) 4.25 Phenomena (96377674)

4.35 Collins and Maconle's Movie Club (r) 5.00 Coronation Street (r) (T) (49571)

5,30 News (40587)

As HTV West except: 12.55pm-1.25 A Country Practice (4925322)

2.50-3.20 Secrets from the Secret Garden 5.10-5.40 Shortland Street (882589-3) 6.25-7.00 Central News (571815) 10.40 Film: Another You (39623631)

12.25am Profile (8483552) 12.45 in Bed with MeDinner (7407823)

1.20 Bonkers (7417200) 2.20 Baywatch (5138484)

3.10 Cyber Cafe (44730194) 3.35 Helter Skelter (8176194) 4.25 Central Jobfinder '97 (7125465)

5.20 Asian Eye (4558465)

WESTCOUNTRY

As HTV West except: 12.20pm-12.30 Illuminations (1947070) 12.55 Home and Away (4925322)

1.25 Robinson Country (23493877) 1.55 Gardeners' Diary (17134693) 2.20-3.20 Blue Heelers (5502544)

5.10-5.40 Home and Away (8825896) 6.00-7.00 Westcountry Live (32032) 10.30 Westcountry News (718815)

10.45 Film: Who's Harry Crumb? (92757070)

MÉRIDIAN

As HTV West except 12.55-1.25 A Country Practice (4925322) 1.55 Murder, She Wrote (5485815) 2.50-3.20 Serve You Right (2632099) 5.10-5.40 Home and Away (8825896)

6.00 Meridian Tonight (32032) 10.29 Pollen Count (348099) 10.30 Meridian News and Weather (718815) 10.45 Highlander (481326)

11.40 Wiseguy (942322) 5.00am Freescreen (49571)

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2.50-3.20 Yan Can Cook: The Best of China (2632099) 5.10-5.40 Shortland Street (8825896) 6.23 Anglia Weather (190728)

6.25-7.00 Anglia News (571815) 10.29 Anglia Air Watch (348099) 10.40 Film: Futureworld (19647254)

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Starts: 6.00am Sesame Street (80341) 7.00 The Big Breakfast (78235) 9.00 Bewitched (15877) 9.30 Ysgofion (949877) 12.00 Animal Passions (28341) 12.30pm Ricki Lake (55983) 1.00 Slot Melthrin (10636167) 1.15 Slot Syniadau Sali (10624322) 1.30 Moving People (54254) 2.00 Racing from Epsom (854235) 4.30 Health Alert (186) 5.00 5 Pump (2902) 5.30 Countdown (438) 6.00 Newyddion (804419) 6.05 Heno (291896) 6.35 Sion a Sian (166761) 7.00 Pobol y Cwm Sion a Sian (165/61) 7.00 Pobol y Cwm (301167) 7.25 Dyrnau'r Celtiald (676254) 8.00 Sian James (8186) 8.30 Newyddion (7693) 9.00 Wild About the Bay (9273) 9.30 Channel Four Racing (42419) 10.00 Brookside (29070) 10.30 Herry Hill (897148) 11.05 Eurotrash (154693) 11.35 TFI Friday (941693) 12.35 Feb Beble (1040091) 12.40 Eller The 12,35am Robin (1944991) 12.40 Film: The Man Who Haunted Himself (681378) 2.25 Film: The Snake Pit (393303) 4.25 Film: Dick

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9.30 Schools: Eureka! (4443419) 9.45 Stop. Look, Listen (4464902) 10.00 Fourways Farm (2811235) 10.10 Scotscapes (3950513) 10.25 Technology Programme (5199998) 10.40 Oil Limits (7303438) 11.05 The Score (1483815) 11.20 Stage One (1464790) 11.35 Schools at Work (5166051) 11.40 GNVQ — Is it For You?

12.00 Garden Party (n (T) (28341) 12.30pm Light Lunch (65099) 1.30 Moving People (f) (1) (54254) 2.00 Racing from Epsom Live coverage of the 2.10, 2.45, 3.20 and 4.00 (Vodatorie

Oaks) (854235) 4.30 Countdown (T) (6200525) 4.55 Ricki Lake Sisters get their own back on their interfering brothers (T) (5485693) 5.30 Animal Passions A nostalgic look at

horse-drawn ploughs and the history of Jack Russell terners (1) (438) 6.00 TFI Friday Chris Evans interviews U2 in

New York (63902) 7.00 Channel 4 News (T) (373308)

7.50 The Political Slot (955506)

8.00 Channel Four Racing A preview of tomorrow's Vodatone Derby (T) (8186) 8.30 Brookside Will Ron be lorced to close the Trading Post? And will Gladys make the right decision about her future? (T)

9.00 Cybill Cybril and Maryann receive a free

trip to Japan (T) (9273) 9.30 Spin City: Hot in the City Mike struggles with both his former girlfriend, who is determined to have his baby — with or without his assistance and his boss's illtimed words Starring Michael J. Fox (T)

10.00 Frasier: Oops! Frasier passes on some gossip which costs Bulldog his job (r) (T) (29070)



Comedian Harry Hill (10.30pm)

10.30 CHOCE Harry Hill Offbeat humour (2/8) (T) (897148) 11.05 Eurotrash More from the worst of

European entertainment (T) (154693) 11.35 TFI Friday (r) (941693) 12.35am Robin Adult animation (1944991)

12.40 The Man Who Haunted Himself (1970) Roger Moore in a psychological thriller, about a middle-aged businessman whose life mysteriously changes after a car accident. The last tilm directed by Basil Dearden (T) (681378)

2.25 The Snake Pit (1948, b/w) with Olivia de Havilland as a young woman who becomes mentally unstable and is sent to a orutal institution. Directed by Anatole Litvak (393303)

4.25 Dick Tracy (1945, b/w) with Morgan Conway. The first in a season of films leaturing the comic strip detective. Directed by William Berke (66788129)

CHANNEL 5 ON SATELLITE

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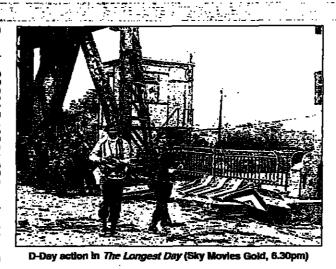
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Thorpe and Hussain turn Test screw after rampant bowlers run through Australia

England walk in Ashes wonderland

EDGBASTON (first day of five: Australia won toss): England, with seven first-innings wickets in hand, are 82 runs ahead of Australia

IT WAS more than the most fevered imagination could have conceived: not yet lunchtime on the first day of an Ashes series, and Australia were 54 for eight. Even the swelling mood of patriotic optimism had prepared nobody for such a sensation and a capacity crowd rubbed disbelieving eyes and marveiled.

If it seemed too good - too mad - to last, then for a short while it was. Australia staged a recovery of sorts, their ninth wicket doubling the score, and then had England's top three out before tea. Union Jacks were lowered judiciously and a tense, reverential calm descended on supporters prepar-ing for familiar disillusionment.

At this point, on a day of astounding events and cloying humidity, it must have occurred to Mark Taylor that things could, after all, get worse. At the pace that wickets were falling, it would have been no surprise to see him fail for a second time before the close, his captaincy buried with undignified haste.

It needed two opponents to reprieve him, though it is doubtful if he felt like thanking them for it Nasser Hussain and Graham Thorpe, refusing to be intimidated by conditions or beestablished a positive, punishing stand, so far worth 150. It may decide the game, even dictate the series, and it was

batting of the highest class. Michael Atherton has spoken frequently and passionately of the need to cure England's propensity for the folse start, but he can have envisaged nothing like this. Despite their unimpressive form on tour and the ongoing troubles of their captain. Australia are the best Test team in the world. They are also in the habit of sprinting from the starting blocks of a series, so for England to dominate the initial day in this startling fashion was an achievement to dwarf even the monopoly of the popcorn cricket in the

Texaco Trophy. Australians have held up their heads this past formight scoffing at the irrelevance of one-day cricket. The Tests, they insisted, would be quite different. So far, they could not

be more wrong. The Edgbaston pitch cannot be held responsible. It is not unblemished, both bounce and pace being too variable. but neither is it the rogue surface served up here for the past two years. When England were rampant, the principal

'I have spent no happier morning at a match since Australia lost their last eight wickets for 36 in 1955'

John Woodcock recalls another day of English euphoria, page 50

aid to some vibrant, aggressive and accurate bowling was swing, which modern Australian batsmen play poorly, but, even late in the day, the odd ball misbehaved.

It turned out to be a very decision to bat was justifiable, based on recent history at this ground; the excessive swing could not be predicted any more confidently than the assertiveness of the England bowling. All too often, England attacks have cantered half-heartedly into a Test series. The tone vesterday was established, just as Atherton had hoped and forecast, by the first ball, a perfect outswinger from Darren Gough that beat

Taylor's outside edge. The tack of pace in the pitch was evident when Devon Malcolm's first ball did not carry to the wicketkeeper. Throughout, he was the least impressive of the three bowlers that England needed, his rhythm and radar seldom in tune, but he took two influential wickets nonetheless.

Gough struck first, hitting Ellion's off stump with late inswing. Taylor then leant into a half-volley from Malcolm and drove it for four, but it did not calm his nerves. Stretching to the next, which he could easily have left, he edged it to Butcher at second

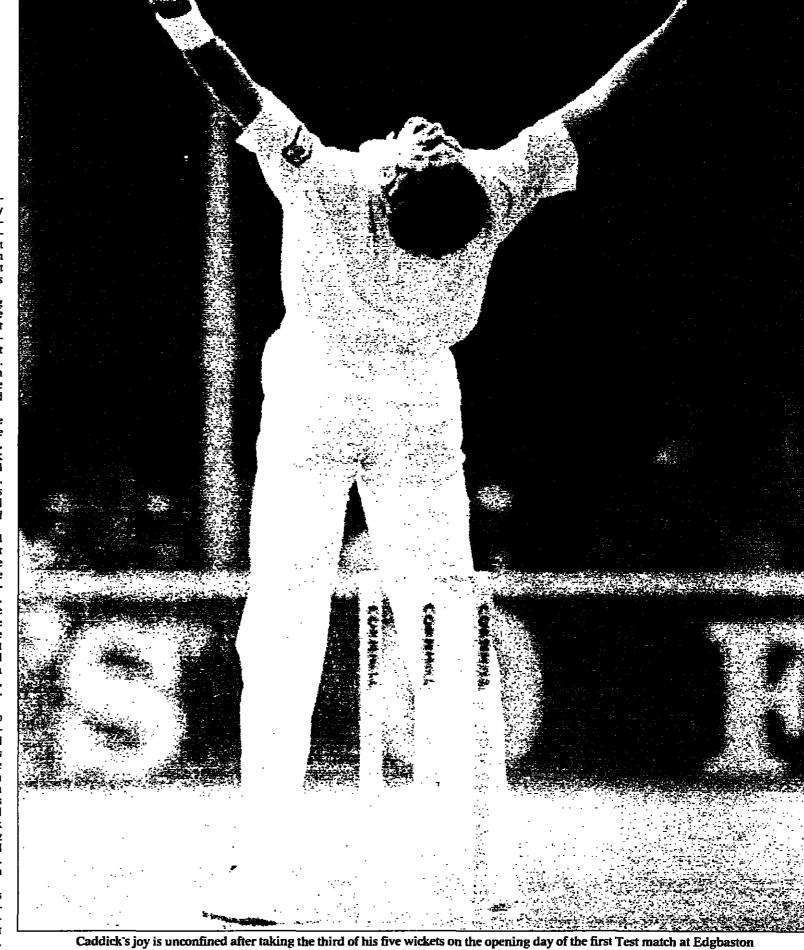
An explosive roar, indicative of dawning belief, greeted the demise of Mark Waugh, bowled while his footwork dithered. Blewett was exposed by the ball leaving him late, turned square several times and even bowled by a no-ball before stabbing the inspired Gough to third slip.

Steve Waugh has responded to many such calamities, but this one was beyond him. The fifth wicket added 20 before Andy Caddick, who had settled instantly to the right line, bowled something close to the unplayable ball to have Waugh caught behind. The next was not quite so good, but good enough for Healy, and when Bevan, transfixed by a short one from Malcolm, prodded tamely to gully. Australia's batting was gone.

It was Shane Warne who rescued them from humiliation. Atherton rightly recalled first two overs cost 25. Warne playing strokes born as much of fatalism as defiance. Lunch arrived, still with eight wickers down, Australia, however, did not last much longer, Caddick removing Kasprowicz through a slip catch and Warne thanks to a scuttling. stretching grab at third man

Those scouring aimanacks for comparable Australian totals did not have far to look -three Ashes Tests ago, at Sydney in January 1995. Gough bowled them out for Ho. England, though, did not win that match and they were no certainties to win this one as Atherton was caught behind from a hall that lifted and left him, and Butcher was undone by one slanted across

his body. It became 50 for three when Stewart's selection and application of the pull shot was faulty, and one more casualty before tea would have severely tested England's mental resolve. That it did not happen.



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pressed by the attacking bowling in damaging areas". and by the brilliance of the counter-attack later in the day, led by Graham Thorpe and Nasser Hussain. "Abso-

> Darren Gough and Andrew Caddick, whose bowling had undone Australia in

indeed that no further wickets fell in the last 41 overs of a day on which 13 had fallen in 46. was due to two men, friends as well as team-mates, batting as well as they have done for their country.

There was only one escape. when Thorpe offered a sharp chance to Bevan at square leg, amid an exhibition of assured defence and such contemptuous dismissal of the loose ball that their runs were scored at four per over. Come the end of

the day, Australia were rag ged. Gillespie had departed with a hamstring strain, Warne was mixing lavish turn with long hops and there was an air of wondering how they were going to take a wicket. To English eyes more accustomed to the receiving end of such one-sidedness, it was a delectable sight.

Pictures of joy, page 1 Middlesex prosper, page 48 Shining light, page 49

Bowlers suggest discipline as key element in their success

By Michael Henderson

AFTER the shellacking they morning, admitted that the took last winter. England's conditions favoured them. cricketers could afford to bask Caddick also admitted he was in the Edgbaston sun yester-day but they resisted the surprised by the degree of swing but denied that batting temptation to consider their was impossible. "The simple work done. "We will not be fact was, we were very discipreening ourselves over one day's cricket," David Lloyd, plined in our bowling." According to Gough, "it is a the coach, said. But he did not pitch where, if you get the ball in the right area, it will do a deny that it had been a good

enjoyed hugely. The captain has said remore than eight short balls in their innings. We are confipeatedly that you can only dent we can do the job but we change people's attitudes [towon't be resting until we take wards the Test team by winning," Lloyd said. "We the tenth wicket of their second innings."
England's spirit, so evident have worked hard over the last 12 months to change. My in the Texaco Trophy internachallenge was to get the public behind us and that has not been the case all the time. I just hope that people are now enjoying the cricket we

are playing."
Lloyd was particularly imlutely top-drawer," he said, "It was orthodox batting, with

tionals, was again the talk of a crowd that could sense a new sense of togetherness. Gough and Caddick agreed there was a genuine spirit of comrade-ship in the dressing-room. forged during the winter. "When you look at our side," Gough said. "there aren't many in the world that can match it for talent but we have bit. I don't think we bowled to do it over a period of time." Geoff Marsh, the Australia coach, offered no excuses for

his team's display. "We had a poor day. We batted badly and bowled bad-ly," he said. "It was a disappointing start to the series but there are 29 days to go. England bowled very well. fielded well and batted well. They bowled the right line and right length for the pitch whereas we bowled both sides of the wicket."

Marsh will speak to Trevor Hohns, the chairman of the selectors, with a view of bolstering the tour party. Ja-son Gillespie, who strained his left hamstring yesterday, is unlikely to bowl today, and Andy Bichel is struggling with a back injury. Paul Reiffel, who has had injury problems of his own in the past year, and Adam Dale.

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AUSTRALIA: First Innings

M S Rasprowez C Butcher
b Caddick
(44mn, 28 balls, 3 lours)
G D McGrath not out
(9mn, 3 balls)
Extras (w 2, no 2)

BOWLING: Gough 10-1-43-3 (no 3, w 2; 7 fours; 8-1-18-3, 2-0-25-0); Malcolm 10-2-25-2 (3 lours, 4-1-9-1, 3-0-10-1, 3-1-6-0); Caddick 11.5-1-50-5 (nb 2, 9 SCORING NOTES, First day, Lunch; 92-8 (26 overs, 124min, Warne) 31, Kasprowicz 9).

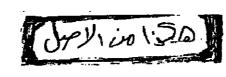
ENGLAND: First Innings M A Butcher c Healy b Kasprowicz 8 (16min, 13 balls, 2 fours)
*M A Atherton c Healy b McGrath , 2 (10mm, 4 balls) †A J Stewart c Elliott b Gillespie .. 18 (51mm, 33 balls, 3 lours)

N Hussain not out (215mm, 152 balls, 13 kurs) G P Thorpe not out (169mm, 141 balls, 11 fours) Extras (lb 3, w 1, nb 5) . Total (3 wkts, 56 overs, 231min) 200 J P Crawley, M A Ealhain, R D B Croft, D Gough, A R Caddick and D E Malcolm

FALL OF WICKETS 1-8 (Butcher 4), 2-16 (Stewart 4), 3-50 (Hussian 18) FIG. 15 wart 41, 3-50 (Hussian 18) BOWLING: McGreth 14-3-57-1 (nb 3:8 lours: 5-2-14-1, 2-0-13-0, 7-1-30-0); Kasprowicz: 15-3-38-1 (nb 2; w 1, 4 lours: 7-0-24-1, 4-1-12-0, 4-2-2-0) Gillespie 10-1-48-1 (nb 1, 8 lours: 5-1-22-1, 5-0-26-0); Warne 14-3-44-0 (7 lours: 3-1-12-0, 11-2-32-0); Bevan 2-0-10-0-0-2 (lours: prescribth S.R. Warnet 1. 10-0 (2 lours, one spell). S R Waugh 1-

SCORING NOTES: Tea. 74-3 (19 overs, 86mm, Hussam 23, Thorps 18) Umpros: S A Bucknor (West Indine) and P Willey Third umpire: J W Holder Metch referee: A S Medugalle (Srl Convoked by Bill Frindall

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plots the downward course of Conservation associations THE decline of the Conservative Party at the grass roots has been faster than even the most pessimistic observers have realised. This emerges from a survey for The Times of membership in 340 local constituency associations, one of the most comprehensive ever

membership has plummeted in less than three years, since the last survey for The Times. The party has lost slightly under half its members since 1992 and is now down to at most 350,000 and 400,000. For the first time (except possibly for the political truce during the Second World War). Labour has a larger membership. Tory membership was five

times greater than Labour's when Mrs Thatcher won in 1979, and just a quarter of what was shown in an official survey in the early 1970s. Today's total is little more than a tenth of the record level of three million of 1953. Moreover. Tory members are predominantly elderly loyalists. A survey by Sheffield University in 1992 revealed that two thirds were aged 56 and over.

In ten of the strongest local associations, there has been an average drop of 41 per cent since 1992. Even successful parties such as Beaconsfield have seen a drop from more than 4,000 to 2,800; Saffron Walden from 5,434 to about 2,500, and Ryedale from 3,605 to 1,250. Even greater falls have occurred in marginal

seats lost by the Tories on May l. Membership in Stevenage dropped from 904 in 1993 to 323 in 1995-96; Harlow from 840 to 292; Bury North from 726 to 206; and Amber Valley from 350 to 130.

There are a few crumbs of comfort. Subscriptions have risen sharply as computer-isation and direct-mail appeals have replaced door-todoor methods of collections. This may account for part of the fall in recorded membership. Previous recruitment methods led to exaggerated figures as inactive members or those giving token subscriptions were on previous party

However, the latest local statistics are still seen within the party as unrealistically high. Several agents point to the "porkies" told by colleagues in their annual membership returns to the national party (which barely half of the English and Welsh associations send to Central Office). Totals are padded via the

recycling of out-of-date figures (some of the "latest" totals provided by two different officials were for 1992-03). Former members who have not renewed subscriptions are retained on the party roster. Spouses are often counted as members even when only one subscription has been paid. Estimates from ward branches are accepted without

Party membership has fallen by almost half since 1992,

a Times survey discloses. Michael Pinto-Duschinsky

Hundreds of members of Conservative clubs are included as individual members when these clubs are primarily social (for supporters of all parties). Club subscriptions have kept membership totals in some Labour heartlands (such as Bradford or Merthyr Tydfili at artificially high levels. Associations that agree to provide figures tend to be better organised than those which do not. If the statistics collected for 340 associations are taken as accurate, membership nationally is now 400,000. This is probably an overestimate and 350,000 is

probably more realistic. There are huge geographical variations. At one extreme, there are the Tory bastions. albeit battered. Surrey Heath. Cotswold, Beaconsfield and Kensington and Chelsea have local budgets of £115,000 to £202,000 each. There are only two dozen such parties, virtually all in London's stockbro-

Only a handful of seats in the North — such as William Hague's Richmond - have solid support, although this is usually declining. In the

North, the East Midlands and in Scotland, the average membership in politically "strong" seats (those held by Tories in 1992 by a margin of more than 10 per cent) was 900. In the South and South West it was 1,470 in strong seats.

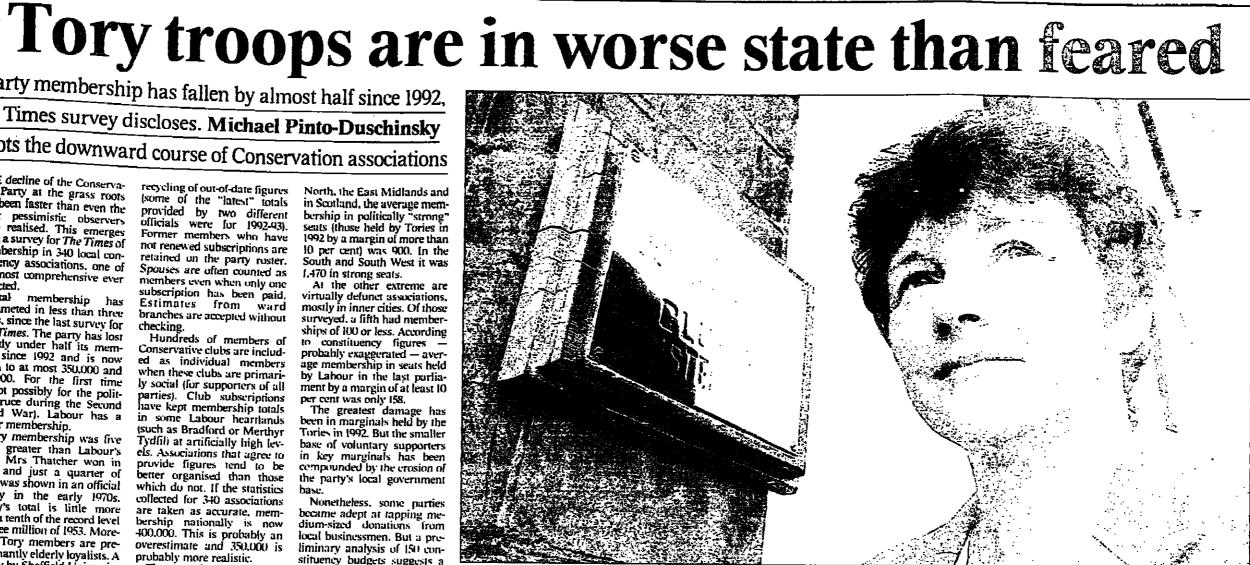
At the other extreme are virtually defunct associations. mostly in inner cities. Of those surveyed, a fifth had memberships of 100 or less. According constituency figures probably exaggerated - average membership in seats held by Labour in the last purliament by a margin of at least 10 per cent was only 158.

The greatest damage has been in marginals held by the Tories in 1992. But the smaller base of voluntary supporters in key marginals has been compounded by the erosion of the party's local government

Nonetheless, some parties became adept at tapping medium-sized donations from local businessmen. But a preliminary analysis of 150 constituency budgets suggests a drop in average incomes of about a quarter. It is often hard to persuade rich associations to help marginals.

Several associations, mostly in the South, have large investments, usually in property. Aylesbury, whose portfolio probably exceeds £2 million, is the richest. Another asset-rich association is Hampstead and Highgate, a Labour seat since 1992. Such wealth can lessen the need and urge to recruit

Moreover, many Tory MPs



Stella Jinks outside the party's office in Little Lever. "Maybe, like John Major, I will take up my bat and go and watch the cricket

used part of their parliamentary allowances to give financial assistance to their local associations. But given the scale of Tory losses, this source of income will no longer be available in many seats.

☐ Michael Pinto-Duschinsky is a leading authority on party organisation and is a senior research fellow of Brunel University

Party's last outpost concentrates on keeping the enemy occupied

BOLTON SOUTH EAST is Conservative Central Office's most sickly outpost with membership of the local association in almost terminal decline; its few remaining stalwarts jaded, dispirited and despairing of any prospect of political rejuvenation.

Conservatives holed up in Little Lever. an oasis of threadbare gentility in the middle of urban sprawl south of Bolton washed red by Labour in the election, are a beleaguered and dwindling band. They are not so much diehard as dying out.

Stella Jinks, election agent, office clerk, fund raiser and general dog's body, runs the association from a cramped office above Little Lever Conservative Club, in the shadow of the local Kwik Save supermarket. She remains stoically realistic but is preparing to step down from her unsalaried and unsung position.

So poverty-stricken that she has never been able to afford to attend a Conservative Party conference, she complains that the association is a "poor relation" to the rich counterparts in the South East. Her and Dorothy Dziubas represented the

THE POOR RELATION

office has never had a fax machine, let alone e-mail. It shares a telephone and, during the campaign, the tiny desk groaned under the weight of costly but unsolicited literature sent from Smith Square that could not be pushed through letter boxes simply because there were no volunteers to do so.

Bolton South East is typical of dozens of small Conservative Associations in Labour territory where, even in the good times, there is no prospect of returning a Conservative member. Now, in the bad times, it has lost its seats on Bolton council and official membership has

dwindled to six or seven. One of those is Mrs Jinks's husband who explained cheerfully on the doorstep of his terrace cottage that he does not get involved. The age profile is old and getting older. Mrs Jinks jokes that she is introduced as one of the young ones she will be 50 at the turn of

For some years Christine Churchman turning and, like John Major, I will take

Labour-run Bolton council. Peter and Christine Churchman are still active in the party. For some time their grandest political aim has merely been to keep the "enemy", local Labour Party, occupied so that they cannot concentrate their troops on surrounding marginals.

Mrs Jinks sometimes wonders what Lady Thatcher would make of the Conservative Clubs in her constituency. where women are not allowed to stand at the bar or play snooker. Hit them with her handbag, she thinks. She would be even more horrified at the way Mrs Jinks gets by on a shared telephone, ancient PC and has to count the pennies for every postage stamp.

At the moment I am waiting for somebody to take the baton from me. she says. "But its is a lot like the British Olympic relay team. Everybody is going around asking do you know anybody to replace her? I think they are hoping I'll change my mind.

up my bat and go and watch the cricket."

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Strong organisation bolstered by agent's professionalism



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James Cobley, agent in Devon East, which has 3,000 members

By James Landale, political reporter

DEVON EAST is one of the Tories' few remaining bastions in the South West. Sir Peter Emery retained the seat by a majority of 7.489 on May 1. The local party boasts a membership estimated in our survey to be just over 3,000, but reckoned locally to be almost 3,500, in the top ten for the country.
Yet the Tories' success is not based

simply on the large number of people, largely Tory-supporting, who have retired here and make up 45 per cent of the population. It is as much due to the industry and professionalism of one man. At 61, James Cobley is the doyen of Tory agents. Apart from a brief stint with

the RAF, he has worked for the party since leaving school at 16, qualifying as an agent in 1959. He moved to Honiton, as the seat was then known, to get Sir Peter safely installed at a 1967 by-election. Every morning at 7.30am, Mr Cobley

arrives at the party's headquarters. Sitting at his Dell computer, he demonstrates extraordinary computer literacy. At his fingertips he has a database of every voter, party member and activist in the constituency. Under the Data Protection Act, the computer can tell him how people said they voted in elections. Each **SUCCESS STORY**

Tory supporter is coded to say whether they are prepared to put a poster in their window, deliver leaflets, canvass on the doorsteps or by telephone, help with lifts to polling stations, or simply help with

sending out envelopes.

With desk-top publishing software, he can also print invitations, flyers and leaflets with minimal cost. For larger posters, he has his own professional offset printing machine upstairs.

With two telephone lines, a fax line, and a modern telephone link, Mr Cobley is also on the Internet and e-mail system. giving him direct access to Central Office and other Tory offices.

Voters are targeted constantly, especially those whom he calls opinionformers, such as vets doctors, parish council chairmen and members of the Women's Institute. With the help of two part-time secretaries, letters and phone call inquiries are followed up by return.

Mr Cobley heads out to a party event almost every night of the week, such as bingo nights, barbecues and advice bureaux. He also attends party branch meetings. The key, Mr Cobley says, is to keep party workers and supporters involved.

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Party machine needs overhauling

The Tory organisation and membership base are in need of a massive overhaul. On that, John Major and the five candidates for his job all agree. The exclusive analysis for The Times by Michael Pinto-Duschinsky, the most extensive so far, shows just how acute the erosion is.

For the first time ever, Tory membership is now lower than Labour's. Over the past five years, the Tory total has dropped by well over two fifths to between 350,000 and 400,000, while the Labour figure has risen by two thirds to 420,000. Moreover, many Tory insiders reckon the real total could be much lower, possibly not much more than half the Labour figure.

RIDDELL ON POLITICS

In the inner cities, the Tory party has virtually ceased to exist. In the Welsh valleys, Glasgow and the big cities of the Midlands and the North. there are a mere handful of members, and most are elderly. As serious is that membership is now down to the low hundreds in marginals which the Tories

held up to five weeks ago. All parties tend to lose membership when they are in office — and this is usually linked to a sharp decline in the number of local councillors. But the current Tory position is much worse than the party has ever experi-The conventional wisdom

is that the party needs to boost membership to regain ground not just in key marginals but also in what have become Labour strongholds. That is linked to the party's generational problem with an ageing membership and the decimation of its

is argument is linked to the case for broadening the franchise for future leadership elections to include ordinary party members as well as MPs. This would involve the creation of national membership scheme, as opposed to the current local basis of recruit-

ment, as Labour has success-

fully introduced during the The counter-view, aired by Matthew Parris today (page

22), is that the role of organis-

ation is much exaggerated,

overpraised when the Tories do well and blamed too much when they do badly. While organisation was probably of little importance when the tides are as strong as they were on May I, a strong organisaton, backed by a growing membership, is crucial in rebuilding a local presence and winning council elections. Gaining new members will also helo broaden the base of funding. features, too. You can connect it to a network so you can It may be just one factor in the Tory recovery, but it is a necessary pre-condition.

PETER RIDDELL

'Heart of Berlin' had Hitler and Garbo among its guests

Hotel Adlon, haunt of kaiser and tsar, comes back to life

FROM ROGER BOYES IN BONN

Enrico Caruso - rather than

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on the darker side. Yet, like

most of the older buildings in

central Berlin, the hotel has

sinister aspects to its past.

Hitler liked the place, though

not with the same enthusiasm

as the Kaiser, and had quiet

meetings in its rooms, a short

are grand hotels where Hitler

Throughout Germany there

stroll from his chancellery.

this week.

THE Hotel Adlon, haunt of emperors and kings, film stars and Nazi leaders, has opened its doors again in Berlin with a promise to be the "heart of the city at the heart of Europe".

The hotel, founded in 1907 by Lorenz Adlon, was the favourite resting place of Kaiser Wilhelm II, who persuaded the British Government to surrender part of the embassy garden next door so that guests would have more space. The Adlon's café and ballroom became a second home for the British diplomats in the old - soon to be new embassy on Unter den Linden and a few Anglo-German love affairs were played out there. It was the kaiser who took King Edward VII into the hotel kitchen to learn Escoffier's secret for perfect bouillabaisse (some steamed garlic and a teaspoon of absinthe).

Today the rebuilt hotel is hoping to catch some of the same flavour: it looks out over the Reichstag and the old-new centre of reunited Berlin.

Hedda Adion, the hotel's last manager, promised that she would rebuild the place. but only when there was no

stayed — in Bonn it is the Hotel Dreesen — and managor. In the event, it has been rebuilt by the Kempinski hotel chain which opened the doors ers, while pretending there is nothing special about the The emphasis has been on rooms, flutter nervously when curious guests make inquiries; the film stars, writers and statesmen who populate its there are no plaques announcguest book — Greta Garbo, Charlie Chaplin, Douglas Fairbanks, Thomas Mann, ing "Hitler slept here". His other favourites were the ho-tels Prinz Albert and Deutscher Hof in Berlin and

the Hotel Wapuer in Munich. cially the Gestapo, which had its headquarters conveniently close, used the Adion restaurant as a kind of canteen and the bedrooms as a playground for their mistresses. Joseph Goebbels, the Propaganda Minister, conducted one of his many complicated affairs with a cabaret singer and a dancer — in the Adlon, hobbling from room to room as if

in a Brian Rix farce. Mussolini stopped by for a hot bath after finding the water in the palace where he had been lodged ran only cold. The Adlon stayed open

throughout the war, almost unscathed by the bombing. Swastikas garlanded the ballrooms. The rooms were also taken by neutral diplomats and American foreign correspondents, such as William Shirer. When allied bombers approached Berlin, hotel flunkies would sound a huge gong rather than resorting to a vulgar siren.

As the Russians moved towards the centre of the city, the hotel housed some army comhospital and mortuary. When the Soviet Army burst through its portals, they headed for the wine cellar of 250,000 bottles. The waiters were still wearing frock coats. One story is that the hotel burnt down shortly afterwards because the straw wrappings in the wine cellar caught fire. Another is that chemicals being used to burn bodies in the elegant courtyard sparked the blaze.

The history of a grand hotel



The Hotel Adlon was not Hitler's only watering hole in Berlin. Here he takes the salute as the Hitler Youth marches past one of his other favourites, the Deutscher Hof

how the new Berlin can recapture the same sense of being, in Percy Adlon's words, at the "heart of Europe".

It was here that Caruso, having lost his voice before a hotel) and Pola Negri. last royal gala performance of lover of Rudolph Valentino. is also the history of a capital. Rigoletto, was cured by the tried to seduce the 16-year-old hotel doctor. It was here that heir to the Adlon dynasty.

Marlene Dietrich was discov-Between the First and Second World Wars, unemployed offiered. Russian anarchists tried to kill Tsar Nicholas II in the cers and hard-up aristocrats hotel. Thomas Mann wrote worked as gigolos in the hotel books (he rented a suite in the tea-dances. hotel) and Pola Negri, last

Today's Berlin has its share of good hotels but nothing quite to match the chequered history of the Adlon.

Scientists seek **DNA** clues to Mayan 'queen'

By Nigel Hawkes, science editor, and Norman Hammond, archaeology correspondent

er of the Mayas, is to be opened in search of clues to the identity of a woman found in a nearby tomb.

Mexican scientists plan to use DNA tests to try to prove that the "Red Queen". found in 1994, was related to Pacal. a 7th-century ruler of the city now known as Palenque.
Pacal's elaborately carved

sarcophagus was discovered in 1952 under the largest and best-preserved of the Mayan Temple of Inscriptions. The carvings contain portraits of Pacal's ancestors for three generations, as well as details of his own genealogy.
"Because of these very long

inscriptions — among the longest known from anywhere in the Mayan world we know more about Pacal than we do about King Arthur," an expert in Mayan archaeology said.

But much less is known about the Red Queen - her body, the interior of her burial chamber and her sarcophagus had been daubed with cinnabar, red mercury ore. It was plain from her sarcophagus that she was a royal person of an earlier generation than Pacal. She was found with clay offering dishes, a precious jade headdress and breastplate, carved shells and other objects.

She may have died suddento complete the eloquent carved inscriptions that would have explained her identity and lineage.

Her tomb had been hastily plastered and Mayan pictographs painted on the walls, but centuries of seeping rainwater turned that testimony to powder, according to a Palenque archaeologist, Arnoldo DNA samples from the Red

Queen have aiready been

analysed, and now, says Dr

Carlos Silva, of the Mexican National Anthropology and History Institute, the hope is to isolate similar samples from Pacal. He says the sarcophagus will be opened to remove samples from which DNA may be recoverable.

Human remains do not

THE stone sarcophagus of survive well in the tropics, but the attempt is by no means hopeless. Collagen, the structural protein found in bone and skin, has been recovered from a body in a tomb at Cuello dating back to 1200 BC, so it is possible that similar materials will be available from Pacal's tomb.

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It is unlikely that any more than fragmentary pieces of DNA will be found, however. The scientists hope to isolate stretches of mitochondrial DNA the type passed on directly down the female line. If Pacal and the Red Queen have the same mitochondrial DNA sequence, it will mean that she was a direct ancestor in the female line.

Equally interesting will be the opportunity to reassess Pacal's age. In 1952, this was estimated at 40, but when the inscription was decoded in 1973 it declared he had lived between 603 and 683, and was therefore 80 when he died.

Since then, the ability of anthropologists to age bones has improved considerably. not least thanks to an excavation at Spitalfields in London, which enabled skeletons of known age to be studied. It was found there was a tendency to underestimate the age of those who died old, and overestimate those who died

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Egypt opens Nile tombs to tourists

Cairo: Egyptian tourism authorities said yesterday they were opening four royal tombs on the west bank of the Nile to the public for the first time. The tombs will be opened in October as part of celebrations marking the first performance of Verdi's Aida 125 years ago and the discovery of the tomb of Tutankhamun 75 years ago by the British archaeologist. Sir Howard Carter. The tombs include those of King Seti II, whose dynasty lasted from 1314 BC to 1200 BC, in the Valley of the Kings. (AFP)

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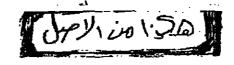






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FROM REUTER

IN ONE of France's biggest wine sales, Maxim's, the Paris restaurant, has auctioned 8,000 of its 100,000 bottles of great vintage wines that age had made too dear for diners. Jacques Tajan, the auc-

noneer, said that the sale

on Wednesday night netted more than Fr9 million (£948.000). almost doubling predictions. The stars of the auction were 12 bottles of 1945 Chateau Mouton-Rothschild Pauillac bought for Fr532,000 (£56,000) by an unidentified German as an eightyfifth birthday gift to a US soldier who liberated his village in 1945.

"This was an anti-Nazi German who remembered the most beautiful day in his life, the day when the American soldier kicked open the door of his home," M Tajan said. They remained in touch after the war and he wanted to offer him the wine bottled in 1945 with the 'V' for victory sign on the



Pierre Cardin, owner of Maxim's, with a bottle of the sale wine

Chirac talks with Jospin signal unity on Europe

FROM ADAM SAGE IN PARIS

LIONEL JOSPIN, France's Socialist Prime Minister, and Jacques Chirac, its conservative President, began powersharing yesterday amid the sort of courtesy that may presage rapid agreement on European policy. At the first Cabinet meeting

since the Left's victory in parliamentary elections last Sunday. M Chirac shook hands with each of the 26 ministers, who described his greeting as warm. His attitude contrasted with that of the late President Mitterrand, who pointedly ignored conservative ministers when he launched France's first "cohabitation" in 1986.

However, the Gaullist head of state did not go so far as to kiss the eight women ministers on the cheek, as he used to with members of the centreright government which lost power last weekend. Catherine Trautmann, the Culture Minister and government spokesperson, said there were so many women in the Cabinet that kissing would take up too much time.

M Jospin said the meeting. at which no policy decisions were taken, had been serious and relaxed. M Chirac told the Socialist, Communist and Green ministers: "I do not doubt the cohabitation will take place in a dignified manner with mutual respect and permanent concern for France's interests".

The polite tone had prompted consideration that M Chirac and M Jospin would attempt to reach a working compromise on key policy areas, and notably the European economic and monetary

On the campaign trail, M Jospin had said he wanted to loosen the EMU criteria, to renegotiate the stability pact designed to oversee the single

currency after its 1999 launch and to introduce the sort of policies that would take the French deficit above Maastricht treaty's 3 per cent

The Prime Minister is under pressure from sections of his 'rainbow alliance" to fulfil these pledges. But yesterday commentators said M Chirac was likely to find an ally in the new Foreign Minister, Hubert Vedrine.

The Gaullist President has followed the European road laid out by M Mitterrand, with whom M Vedrine worked closely for 14 years. They have similar opinions on EMU and will be tempted to join forces in an attempt to impose their point of view on the Cabiner's Eurosceptic

M Jospin, who is due to hold talks with Tony Blair at a meeting of European Socialists in Malmo, Sweden, today, could find himself sucked into the Chirac-Védrine alliance, commentators said. Lyons: Henri Emmanuelli,

the former Socialist Party treasurer, was given an 3-month suspended jail term or illegal funding of the party through a consultancy that raised cash through fake in-voicing and highly inflated tenders. The court did not ban

Emmanuelli, who was returned as deputy for the Landes region, from holding Emmanuelli, a former

Speaker of parliament and a one-time first secretary of the party, was found guilty of complicity in corrupt practices. In March, 1996, a court Emmanuelli to an 18-month suspended term and fined him Fr30,000 (£3,200) in another trial which involved the same

consultancy. (AFP)



Lionel Jospin addresses members of his new Cabinet on the steps of the Elysée Palace yesterday before going in to meet President Chirac

Female intake rejects flower-pot image

WHEN Alain Juppé appointed 12 women to his centre-right government in 1995 they became known as the Juppettes. There is little chance that the six women named as Cabinet ministers and two as junior ministers in Lionel Jospin's administration will earn such a condescending epithet

(Adam Sage writes).
Unlike the Juppettes, who were little more than window-dressing, les femmes de Monsieur Jospin are in government because they have defied France's male establishment to build their own power bases. "I trust Lionel Jospin," said Martine Aubry, the Employment Minister and Deputy Leader of the Government yesterday. "He will not mistake us for flower

The new Prime Minister would be well advised not to. Take, for example, Elisabeth Guigou. 50, who was given

6Unlike the Juppettes, who were little more than window-dressing, the eight women ministers have built their own power bases?

the tentative post of Justice Minister because of her reputation as a rigorous and competent intellectual. A former European Affairs Minister

and close associate of the late President Mitterrand, with whom she negotiated the Maastricht treaty, she is not to be trifled with, as Bernard Tapie knows.

The flamboyant Socialist entrepreneur, now serving a jail sentence for corruption, once suggested she could boost her popularity by buying crimson-coloured lingerie. One look from Madame Guigou was enough to wipe

the insolent smirk off Tapie's face. Catherine Trautmann, 46, will bring an equally formidable if less austere reputation to the high-profile Ministry of Culture. Since 1989, when she won a surprise victory to become Mayor of Strasbourg, she has been the darling of the French media tired of greyhaired men in grey suits. She is best known for organising a successful

this spring when Jean-Marie Le Pen's xenophobic movement held a congress in her home town. The French press greeted her ap-

anti-National Front demonstration

pointment and that of Madame Aubry and Madame Guigou with enthusiasm. But it said M Jospin would face difficulties as he tried to find the balance between spending commitments and the Maastricht criteria for economic and monetary union. The two men at the centre of this high-wire act are the Foreign Minister, Hubert Védrine, 49, and the Finance Minister, Dominique Strauss-Kahn, 48.

M Strauss-Kahn - known as DSK was expected to be less well received. especially by the financial market. An economics professor, he was responsible for the Socialists' election manifesto, which promised job creation, wage rises and a reduction in the working

But the only person who reacted badly to his appointment was Madame Aubry, who believes his minis-

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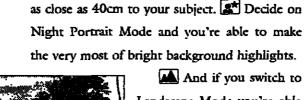
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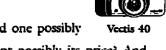
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Killer forced popular teacher to reveal cashpoint number

Tycoon's son 'was tortured to death'

IN NEW YORK

DETECTIVES believe that the murdered son of Gerald Levin, head of Time Warner, was almost certainly tortured with a steak knife by his killer until he disclosed the pin number of his cashpoint card. Jonathan Levin, 31, a school-

teacher, was found lying in a pool of blood on Monday night at his flat in New York's Upper West side. His body. bound in tape, bore deep gashes and a single gunshot had been fired into the right side of his head.

The police believe that Mr Levin died between 3.45pm and 5pm on Friday. He was last seen alive that afternoon. walking his puppy, Julius, an

Because there was no sign of a forced entry at his flat, the police are studying whether he met someone on the street whom he knew, possibly one of his pupils at the William H. Taft High School in the



Levin: found murdered in his New York flat

Bronx. The police said that the killer stole Mr Levin's cashpoint card, walked three blocks to a branch of the Chase Manhattan Bank at the intersection of 72nd Street and Columbus Avenue and withdrew \$800 (£490).

Bank computer records seem to confirm that the withdrawal was made after the most likely time of death. The cashpoint machine is

the film is expected to give the police a substantial lead. Robert Morgenthau, the Manhattan District Attorney,

said yesterday: "This is a case

that is going to be solved, hopefully very quickly."

The police seem to have ruled out the possibility that Mr Levin was the victim of a homosexual serial killer. Ini-tially, the FBI had seen "vague similarities" between the manner of his death and that of four other men, killed last month by a suspected murderer called Andrew Cunanan, a former male prostitute who is

on the run from the police. There were scenes of grief at Mr Levin's funeral on Tuesday. Mourners, who included nearly 300 pupils from his high school, wept as Lee Levin, his older brother, said: "Jon's my little brother, but for a number of years I've looked up to him like he was my big

The murdered schoolteacher was the son of one of



A police officer checks a window at the flats where Jonathan Levin was found dead

his lifestyle was as modest as his job in the Bronx. Friends say that Mr Levin never wanted to follow in the footsteps of his father. Matthew Dwyer, a fellow teacher, said: "He was very close to his dad,

America's business titans. Yet but he wanted to have his own career, to make his own life. and socially deprived. And he did that by helping

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children." His death has hit the school like a sledgehammer. A gifted, popular teacher, he was known to make time for pupils

The esteem in which he was held by those he had taught could be seen at his funeral. One girl carried a banner which read "We were his

Global trashing US de warms liberal laws New Yorkers By Tunku Varadarajan Ew York's liberals, world ampions at herest heavier. America, attacking its tunned.

champions at breast-beating, have a treat in store for them this weekend when The New York Times brings out its Sunday magazine: a special issue on how the world sees America.

The answer, for those who cannot wait, is simple "the world" appears not to like America much.

The magazine, filled with dense and deadly text, is the liberal American's dream. From Marina Warner, Gina Lollobrigida and Thomas Keneally, Australian author of Schindler's Ark, to the Nobel laureate Nadine Gordimer, writers queue up to trash Uncle Sam. "Progressive" types here, for whom self-flagellation is a cherished hobby, will take to this as cats to creamy milk.

After an opening salvo on America's "cultural imperialism" by Michiko Kakutani, the chief book reviewer of The New York Times, Britain's Ms Warner sets the tone of things to come in an essay called

In it, the feminist author of Six Myths of Our Times writes that "bigness still defines America, but a bigness grown pillowy and flaccid and fluffy and fat like baby flesh". She adduces no evidence for this, of course, just as she fails to for her other thesis, that the United States is suffering from "late 90s infantilism

Nadine Gordimer, the dow-ager duchess of white South African liberals, bowls a juicy full-toss to America's white "self-hatred" lobby. In a piece called "Separate", she asserts that "American blacks want to stay segregated, and who can blame them?" Ms Gordimer writes:

"When you have been so long rejected, your collective consciousness tells you that the open door ... has come too late. You gain your self-

respect by saying no."
Signora Lollobrigida, the Italian sex symbol from another age, also weighs into America, attacking its women for their looks: "American women are always obsessed with the dieting and the plastic surgery, but the more they try to go backward and look younger the more that result is the opposite. They end up looking ridiculous."

by Julie Burchill. After making the none-too-startling assertion that American men have sex on the brain, she declares that "no country outside of the Muslim world fears loathes and oppresses women as much as the USA".

Mayra Montero, the Cuban composed of promiscuous Puritans was never going to be at ease with itself".

There is more. The Nigerian novelist Wole Soyinka. whose right to write freely in his own country has been backed most strongly by America, goes on, nonethic less, to describe Americans as

Peter Schneider, a writer from Berlin, chides Americans for their too-perfect teeth; and Oliviero Toscani, the chief creative director for the Benetton group, growls that he has "never met anyone so idiotic as an American ad

So America's liberal angst will blossom, well watered by these writers from abroad "Oh woe," people will say this Sunday. "No one likes us and it's all our own fault."



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FROM BRONWEN MADDOX IN WASHINGTON

THE CIA double agent Harold Nicholson was sentenced yesterday to nearly 24 years in prison and a \$250,000 (£155,000) fine for selling docu-

ments to the Russians. Nicholson, 46, the highestranking CIA officer ever caught spying, told the court in Alexandria, Virginia, that

he had betrayed the United

States to get money for his children. But he added that through his actions "I have-lost everything that was ever dear and important to me, everything that was ever of

Nicholson, 46, who had worked for the CIA for 20 years, was arrested at Washington's Dulles International Airport in November on his way to a meeting with Russian agents in Switzerland.



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FROM TOM RHODES IN WASHINGTON

WILLIAM COHEN, the American Defence Secretary, Sesterday sought to bring an end to months of embarrassment at the Pentagon by supporting the appointment of an adulterous air force general as the next head of America's armed services

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After numerous military scandals. Mr Cohen said he was drawing a line against the "frenzy" of alleged sexual misconduct, and stated that an adulterous affair 13 years ago would not disqualify General Joseph Ralston as the leading candidate to become Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of

He said the transgression was overshadowed by the general's distinguished 32gear record and said he was prepared to forgive what is an offence under military law because it involved a civilian and did not threaten morale or discipline.

Acceptance of the incident, in which General Ralston had a year-long relationship with a CIA intelligence officer while estranged from his wife, is certain to provoke protest from others dismissed for similar "crimes" and is likely to bring further humiliation to

Last month Lieutenant Kelly Flinn, the first female B52 pilot in America, was discharged from the Air Force for adultery as a compromise to avoid the soap opera of her scheduled court martial.

The Navy last week relieved a two-star admiral of his duties over claims he had 'made sexual overtures to a subordinate, while the Army stripped a one-star general of his command because of an improper relationship with a civilian nurse

This week Major-General John Longhouser, the commanding officer at the Aberdeen Proving Grounds. the training camp at which dozens of recruits have alleged sexual abuse by their instructors, resigned after the disclusure of an adulterous affair

With a civilian. Mr Cohen attempted to distinguish between the cases. General Longhouser, he said, had been involved with a woman who was an army civilian employee. And as commander of the training establishment he faced investigation while ruling on the cases of other soldiers accused of sexual misconduct.

"I understand this puts me in a difficult position," Mr Cohen said of his decision to support General Raiston, 53, a highly decorated Vietnam War combat pilot and deputy to General John Shalikashvili. who steps down in

This is a drawing of a line. This is a case where I think the rule of reason has to apply and

Soldier cleared of rape charges

Darmstadt: A US military court in Germany acquitted an army sergeant yesterday of sodomy and the rape of four female soldiers, but sentenced him to two years in prison after convicting him on lesser charges. Sergeant First Class Julius Davis, 37, of Fayetteville, North Carolina, was found guilty on four counts each of indecent assault and maltreatment as well as other

charges. (Reuter)

Soldiers patrol as Algerians cast votes

FROM PETER SHAW-SMITH IN ALGIERS

VOTING was slow and the situation calm in the capital's main trouble spots; Bab al-Oued and the Casbah, yesterday morning as Algerians embarked on the first general election since a December 1991 poll which the Islamic Salvation Front (FIS) was on course to win before the army cancelled the process.

There was an increased police and army presence, with the upper entrance to the Casbah controlled by soldiers. Journalists were accompanied by security men, who allowed them to talk to voters freely, though few were willing to say who they were voting for.

President Zeroual voted early at a polling station in the El Mouradia quarter in the city centre, saying the elections were "a victory of the people and of democracy in Algeria". Final results are expected this afternoon.

Voting is for a total of 380 seats in the Popular National Assembly. The country comprises 48 wilayat or provinces, of vastly different geographical size and make-up. Algiers is the largest with 24 scats, followed by Oran (14) and Tizi Ouzou (14), the seat of the Berber community. Adrar, in the Sahara desert, is the biggest province in the country but has only four seats.

Forty parties are standing. as well as 52 independent candidates, but many represent only local interests. Tipaza. 25 miles east of the capital, has the most with 22. while Algiers has 16.

As these elections are only for deputies in the lower chamber. Algeria must wait about four months until the composition of the upper chamber - one third of which will be appointed by Mr Zeroual — becomes known.



Ultra-Orthodox Jews offering prayers in Jerusalem yesterday for an end to the removal of bones from ancient Jewish graves dug up by Israeli archaeologists

NEWS IN BRIEF

Rubbish piles up in Athens

Athens: Tourists arriving in Athens on World Environment Day were greeted by the pungent smell of thousands of tonnes of roning rubbish as a strike by dustmen entered its fourth day (Philip Pangalos

Rubbish from overflowing bins is strewn across the streets while temperatures have climbed well into the

Dimitris Avramopoulos, the Mayor of Athens, has demanded an immediate end to the strike, and the striking workers have been told that their protest would be declared illegal.

Bikers bombed

Oslo: Three explosions demolished a clubhouse in Drambelonging to the Bandidos, a Norwegian motorcycle gang, killing a woman bystander and injuring four other people. (Reuter)

Fishing protest

Lisbon: The crews of Portuguese trawlers blockaded the port and picketed the docks here, the country's largest, to protest against a partial government ban on weekend fishing. (Reuter)

Rivals clash

Brazzaville: Congolese troops loyal to President Pascal Lissouba were reported to be battling with militia forces of Denis Sassou Nguesso, the former head of state, in the capital. (AFP)

Dissident freed

Shanghai: Bao Ge, a Shanghai dissident held for three years without trial, was freed from a Chinese labour camp on the eighth anniversary of the crushing of the Tiananmen Square protests. (Reuter)

Coup defiance

Freetown: Sierra Leone coup leaders have told Nigeria they will not restore the ousted Government of President Kabbah because that would jeopardise peace between the The newly found deposits | army and rebels. (Reuter)

Hong Kong job

Hong Kong: Ma Yuzhen, 62, China's Ambassador in London in 1991-95, has been named as Beijing's top civilian official here - Foreign Ministry Commissioner - after the handover of the colony.

Hippo teeth haul

Paris: French customs at Orly airport have seized more than 1.700 hippopotamus teeth en route from Uganda to Hong Kong - from smugglers diversifying away from elephant tusks. (Reuter)

Seoul ships open fire on northern boats

BY ROBERT WHYMANT?

NAVY ships of the two Koreas exchanged fire yesterday after vessels from the North were intercepted in the South's waters, defence officials said in

The confrontation, underscoring the state-of-war tensions in the divided peninsula. came after an intrusion by a North Korean navy patrol vessel and nine fishing boats.

The northern ship fired three mortar rounds at South Korean navy vessels, which responded with a warning salvo. None of the ships was hit in the exchange of fire. After a tense stand-off lasting

nearly an hour, the northerners withdrew from South Korean waters, officials said.

The clash, which occurred off the west coast, followed a similar intrusion a week ago. A North Korean navy ship was intercepted on the southern side of the demarcation line, but no shots were fired. The line, which bisects the Korean peninsula. extends into coastal waters.

☐ Bribery charge: State prosecutors in Seoul indicted Kim Hyun Chul, a son of President Kim Young Sam, on charges of tax evasion and accepting a £2.2 million bribe.

Mountain find sparks gold fever in Egypt By Christopher Walker

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During his interview for the

post, General Raiston had

admitted that as a colonel

estranged from his wife he

had the affair with the CIA

civilian while the two were

students at the National War

College in the 1980s. Although

briefly reconciled with his

wife, the couple later divorced.

He is now remarried with four

General Ralston, who was

said by Pentagon officials to have not considered the affair

to have been an issue for his

candidacy, clearly surprised

Clinton aides with the revela-

tion and left the White House

more guarded in its response

yesterday. "He is an outstand-ing soldier who has outstand-

ing qualifications for the job."

said Anne Luzzatto, a White

House spokeswoman, "He re-

mains a candidate. The recom-

mendation has yet to be made

and the President will make

Mr Clinton, personally fac-

ing a public sexual harass-

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Until yesterday Mr Cohen

and senior Pentagon officials

had taken steadfast positions

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based not merely on a set of unique laws but on the expec-

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Ralston had been viewed as a

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GOLD fever hit Egypt vesterday after official confirmation of the surprise discovery of huge deposits in an inhospitable and remote range of hills on the border with Libya.

"There is no other discovery like this in Egypt. In fact, it could be considered a rare discovery on the world level," Gaber Naeim, chairman of the Geological Survey of Egypt, told the semi-official Cairo daily al-Akhbar.

The gold is in Jabal Kamel, a rocky outcrop close to the point where the borders of Egypt, Libya and Sudan meet. According to Mr Naeim, its quantity dwarfs all other gold deposits found in the country

of 60 million people, the most middle of this year. Six other populous in the Arab world. companies were negotiating rounding recent exaggerated reports of gold finds in Indo-

nesia, diplomatic and industry sources remained wary of assessing the significance of the Egyptian discovery until more precise data were made available by the Cairo Government. "It is too early to say what effect, if any, this will have on the world market," one diplomat said.

Even before the discovery put Egypt's economic prospects into a new light, one foreign company, Pharaoh Gold Mines of Australia. was prospecting for gold in the Eastern Desert and planned to start production there in the

After the controversy sur- for concessions to prospect for gold, either in the Eastern Desert or in southern Sinai. territory recovered from Israel under the 1979 peace treaty.

The riches buried deep under Jabal Kamel came to light after the survey sent geologists to the area to look for iron-ore deposits. They were taken aback to find that there was more gold than iron in the rock. "The idea was that the gold

could cover part of the large costs of exploiting the iron ore and transporting it out of this remote area. But it later became clear that the gold was fundamental and the iron was subsidiary," Mr Naeim said.



He gave no figures for the concentration of gold in the 185 samples his department has taken in two seasons of exploration.

But he said: "The results showed that the concentration of gold in the ore is extremely high and that the amount of

throughout the Middle East. with experts anxious to obtain

more detailed figures. Mr Naeim said that some of the gold was inside Libya and that Egypt had signed a deal with the Libyan authorities specifying there should be joint exploitation of the deposits on the border.

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are in a range of hills seven to

eight miles long and six miles

across. The seams are between

13ft and 250ft thick. Under

the surface of the Earth, there

is another deposit, the size of

which is not yet known." Mr

Naeim said. The extent of the

unexpected discovery in the

mountains sparked interest

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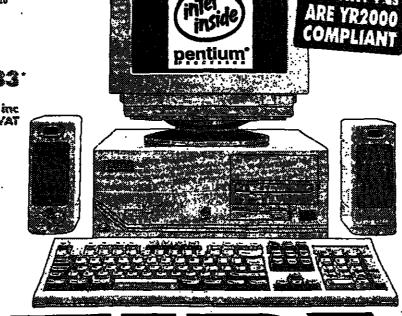
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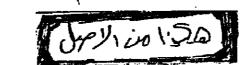


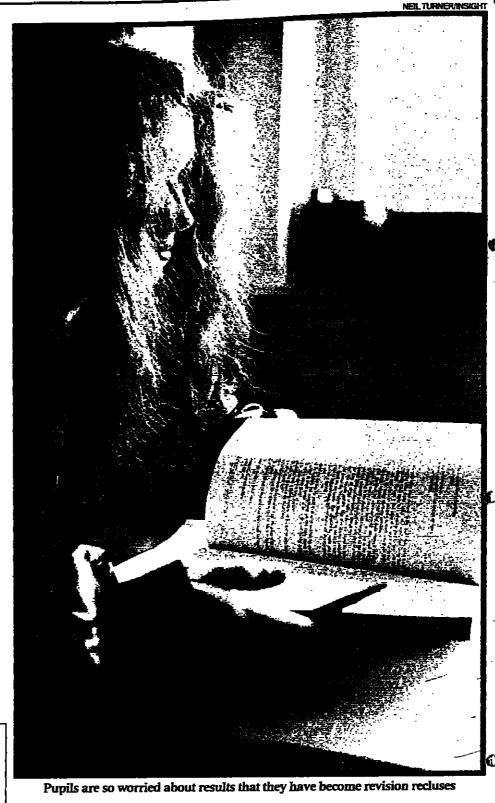


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Children today are under greater academic pressure than ever before. Has the drive for success gone too far? Jane Gordon investigates

erence books. My initial fear 16-year-old daughter might be taking drugs - amphetamines. Ecstacy, or some other frighttive substance. But when I picked up the little phial of tablets and discovered that they were Pro-Plus - a caffeine-based product which can be bought over the counter at any chemist — I experienced a different kind of anxiety.

Because the bottle of pills that I had found were not designed to take her out of her head — as they might have been for my own generation some 20 years ago — they were stimulants she was using to keep herself mentally alert during a punishing revision regime for the first-year Alevel modules she is taking

And while, of course, I should be grateful that the only thing my daughter is currently addicted to is hard work, i must admit to a growing disquiet at the extraordinary academic pressures being placed on her

Far from being the slackers portrayed by the media, my laughter and her peers are. I believe, expected to work far harder than their parents ever did. The changes in the educa-tion system that have taken place since O levels became GCSEs have not made their lives easier. On the contrary, the advent of course work and modules has meant that it is no longer possible, as i was in my day, to pass exams with a ittle last-minute revision.

I am not the only parent experiencing doubt about the way in which children are being programmed to achieve. gates are now punctuated by ales of pupils so stressed by heir exams that they have become revision recluses. Last week a friend rang me

in a panic to tell me that her daughter had become so obsessed with doing well in her end-of-year exams that she had recorded revision tapes which she left playing on an throughout the night.

It's hardly surprising, real-ly, that my daughter and the rest of her generation are so anxious about their exams. They were virtually weaned on talk of education. Their names were entered at birth onto the waiting lists of all the best schools. Before they could walk they had been enrolled in a series of programmes designed to maximise their learning potential. By the time they were three years old, most of my daughters' friends were attending Montessori schools, and at four, they were in fulltime formal education. Little wonder that as they reach their GCSEs, many of them are spending as much as 14

hours a day studying. My son's revision timeta ble has dominated our family life for the past three months. He has no time for anything but work, and he has even reached the stage where he rations the amount of football he watches. This week he refused to allow himself the time to watch the England-Italy match," says Nicky Rees, whose son, Justin, is taking II GCSEs this summer.

Justin is probably suffering from a particularly high level of pressure because he is a pupil at St Paul's School, in southwest London, one of the country's top five schools. in that they don't say 'you have got to get an A* in this subject'. They simply tell us to do our best. But I know that at St Paul's, our best is an A*, and that anything other than an A is regarded as failure. And we

There is a need to reassure children that exams are not the be-all and end-all of life'

are all aware that there is this expectation that we should do as well if not better than the hoys did last year," Justin

Marsha Elms, Head Teacher at Kendrick Girls' School in Reading, Berkshire, the highest-placed state school in last year's league tables - acknowledges the pressure that is placed on this year's pupils after the success of the 1906 GCSE students. There is this helief every year that the girls must do better, which can result in girls who don't achieve a full flight of A*s beleving that they are fail-ures," she says.

"I think it is very difficult for parents to understand what it is like to be young in 1997, with all the pressure that they receive. Young people today are under greater academic stress than any previous

generation."
Nicky Rees is only too aware of the difference between her own achievements and aspirations in the 1970s and those of her daughter Fiona in the

"When I left school, I felt that I had been reasonably well educated. I had just three O levels, and I simply looked in the Evening Standard and took my pick from hundreds of iohs. When my daughter was looking for a job in her gap year before university, with a

string of GCSEs and excellent A levels - it took her months to find a menial job," she says.

One of the major factors behind the boom in education - in the past five years, the number of students going on to university has gone from one in eight to one in three - is employment. The perceived belief that it is not possible to get a job on the checkout at Sainsbury without an Ox-bridge double first has fuelled the relentless qualifications.

It has to be said, though, that much of the pressure put on children has come not from the academic establishment, but from parents. Louise Wall, head teacher at the Falcons, West London, believes that often it is the parents who set the agenda for their children. I think it is linked to the fact that nowadays people are delaying having children.

They plan when they will have a family. They don't want to have children until they have the right house, the right car and so on. Just as they want the best for themselves, so they want the best for their children. I have had prospective parents in my office telling me that their child is going to Colet Court, St Paul's, and St John's College, Oxford, before that child has even learnt to

walk or talk." she says. Sheila Allsop - the mother of lo-year-old Katy, who is in the middle of sitting her GCSEs — concedes that she is very nearly as anxious about the exams as her daughter.

There is no doubt in my mind that this competitive feeling is as common among the parents as it is among my daughter's peers. I feel that it is particularly important for Katy to do well because she attends a state school in an area in which the vast majority of middle-class parents have opted for private education. I try very hard to play that down, but I cannot deny that I am as agitate right now C as Katy is," she says.

o how can we defuse the pressure our children are experiencing? Jean Scott, Headmistress of South Hampstead High School, London, believes that parents should play down the importance of their children's exams, and try not to talk about their education in front of them. Reassure them that exams are not the be-all and end-all of life. Remind them that they should be having fun at this stage of their lives. It does worry me that there is so little fun in

education any more," she says. The trouble is that for many parents it may be too late. We might have bred a generation of education junkies — or in my daughter's case, a student with a Pro-Plus dependency and we could find that the learning habit is as difficult to lose as any other addiction.

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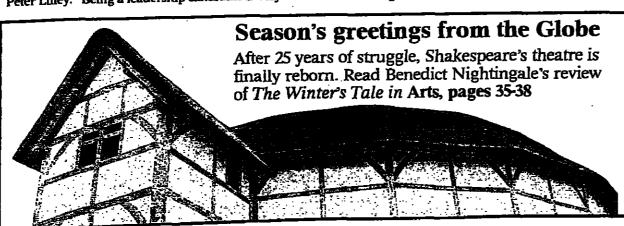
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Peter Lilley: "Being a leadership candidate is very different from being a minister in a beleaguered Government"





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Peter Lilley has become a changed man since the start of the Tory leadership campaign. Interview by Valerie Grove. Photograph by Chris Harris

ou're never going to be a Ken Clarke bloke, are you?" I ask Peter Lilley over breakfast. I'm not blokeish, I may be affable," Lilley says affably, adding: "Actually I'm probably more blokeish politically, but less blokeish socially than Ken. My political instincts are much more in tune with The Bloke, in terms of a Eurosceptic approach.*

But Mr Lilley keeps his intellectually

sharp and amusing side private. For a moment after the election. I thought he had had a demeanour transplant when he appeared on Question Time. He was no longer hesitant; one sensed the shedding of the carapace of office. "I did feel different," he says. "People tell me I've sparkled since this campaign began. Being overtly a candidate for the leadership is very different from being a minister in a beleaguered Government. trying not to rock the boat," Meanwhile, Ken Clarke, oozing easy amusement and bonhomie, had no need to change his demeanour or even his shoes. Clarke is, as Lord Blake says, approvingly, "a tough, a thug and a bruiser".

The boyish, brainy Mr Lilley is none of these things, but he has been quietly intending to stand for the leadership ever since the Redwood challenge to John Major. He says it dawned on him even before the last election how vulnerable the Tories had become, with a thoroughly dislikeable picture of themselves implanted in the public mind. Writing in The Speciator last week, he admined: "We assumed it didn't matter, because they still feared Labour more than they disliked us. Once Labour made itself less feared, it mattered a lot that we were

Candidacy cushions him from the familiar ex-ministerial pathos: the loss of perks. A chauffeured car still waits for him at the door, courtesy of Lord Archer of Weston-super-Mare, who also provided the private plane in which he, Gillian Shephard and Archer toured the land last week, addressing the disenfranchised Tory activists.

Archer's routine at these meetings is to tell them how he was involved in Margaret Thatcher's selection, then in John Major's, now Lilley's - whereupon Lilley draws attention to the fact that Jeffrey Archer has always backed the

One can only admire these shell-shocked Tories - chastened, rueful, traumatised like the survivors of an air disaster mustering the zest needed to contest the leadership, hoping to revive the popularity of a diminished, divided, jaded party. This week the Saatchis produced, for The Guardian, a spoof Lilley poster with pictures of all the disgraced Tories, and the words "Why you should vote for a man you've never heard of?" Lilley

jokes about his own obscurity. But, he added, on the boat from Dieppe the other day (he nipped over to their farmhouse in France for his 18th wedding anniversary) old ladies and inebriated youths had begun to recognise him.

I told him he should flaunt his vivacious wife, Gail. He said he had staunted her the night before, at a party Archer threw in his famous penthouse for 30 still undeclared Tory MPs. The childless Lilleys have two other homes: one in the constituency, one in a less fashionable area of Islington than the Blairs'. Normandy is where Gail paints her rustic portraits, rabbits and still lifes. Not at all the Christine Hamilton type, she thinks her husband is mad to go for the leadership, "though she is prepared to loan me out in the national interest. After all, she was involved in politics before meeting me."

Gail Ansell was a Haringey councillor

at the time of the 1975 referendum when she recruited Lilley for the Keep Britain in Europe movement. "I was a bit sceptical even then, but I'd been told she was very pretty and when she rang I thought I'd better go." If wives were wheeled out in a Mrs Personality contest, Mrs Lilley would outshine most. But are we to play this presidential game? None of the Tory contenders could match the Happy Family Moving Into No 10 show staged by the Blairs on May 2 A hard act to follow, I

Moods change," Lilley says equably. "People like the novelty, and the media seem quite mesmerised, not just by the newness of it all, but by the sense of control imposed on them. It astonishes me: even anti-Labour journalists don't seem to resent the fact that they've really got to toe the line now. But all that will change, over a period."

He thinks people will begin to resent a Prime Minister who takes a ceremonial role, modelled on the American President. and treats Parliament as a poodle on a very short leash.

here is an inherent bossiness in this Government. Having promised not to raise taxes, all they can do is boss people round by laws and regulations, moving down the agenda of political correctness to the pernicketiness of things like bells on bicycles ... Governments need to have a mental bias against legislation."

On Newsnight this week, confronting Lilley over the referendum guillotine, it was Peter Mandelson's turn to make the crestfallen Lilley almost cry. He still lacks bombast and comph. When I last spoke to him in 1993, about welfare benefit dependency. I would use exasperated words like lecklessness and stupidity how had we come to allow people to produce children, without even consider- wants to be there at all. guffawed with laughter at this. He enjoys ing how they might feed and clothe them?

- while he seemed to tread on eggshells. One longed for him to thump a table.

Why did it take the Tories so long to get round to shaking out the dependency culture? "Well, I came along and did something about it." True, but the Labour Government is reaping the rewards. It will be Frank Field who will get to grips with the housing benefit scam. Lilley, being decent, declares a warm regard for Field. "He was supportive in Opposition where initially Labour were not, until they realised that their own supporters were rather keen on doing something about benefit fraud 100."

Nor has Lilley the naked ambition that gleams in the eye of Howard and Hague. The young pretender was once Lilley's iunior minister (people often said how alike they were, except that Hague looked by far the older) and it was Lilley who recommended Hague to John Major for a

illey was a quiet, self-contained child, the son of a BBC personnel manager, in Haves, a Kentish village outside Bromley, birthplace of Pitt the Younger. Every day 1'd pass the plaque saying he was Prime Minister at 24. So ever since 24 I feel really time is flying." He will be 54 in August.

He won a scholarship to Dulwich College but at Cambridge, unlike the rest of the Cambridge mafia at the time -Howard, Gummer, Clarke - he was too shy to debate at the Union. "Scientists like me had to work, unlike those doing PPE. And my background was not one of indulging in public speaking, though it fascinated me. I sat and watched and tried to learn it by osmosis. I always had the rather arrogant feeling that I could do it better, but I didn't know how you started."

Yet he claims now to thrive on debate and to long to lean on that dispatch box: "The bit of Parliament I like best is questions and wind-up speeches, much less formal and prepared, late at night when the House is in a lively mood."

This week he should have been in Montreux speaking on "Society - Quo Vadis?" Mindful of Mrs Thatcher's crucial absence in Paris during the challenge to her leadership, he had himself filmed instead. Yesterday he was making a speech about the new Government still behaving like an Opposition, dealing in rhetoric, soundbites and photo

As the week has progressed the odds have shortened in his favour and it looks now like a three-horse race. He pins his hopes on becoming either the Right's Anyone But Clarke candidate in the second ballot, or the Clarke faction's second, unifying choice. "Our numbers show me doing fantastically well," he told me yesterday. But it still beats me why he

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Fancy life on the ocean wave, Halifaxers? You're cruisin' for a snoozin'

ip, hip, hurray! — through gritted teeth — for the Halifax. Each of its 7.6 million members has received an average windfall bonus of £2,500 as the building society mutates into a bank. This makes those of us with the Woolwich or lesser building societies experience the converse of Schadenfreude, meaning grief at someone else's pleasure. The four-letter English word for this emotion is envy.

But our grimaces of congratulation for luckier punters turn into grins of pleasure with the news that most of them are planning to blow their windfalls on a cruise. This improbable story is reported by the travel companies, which are as usual launching their next autumn-winter/spring-summer brochures. And so it is as unreliable as the rest of the information in those glossy packages of romance, wishful thinking and downright statistics. Most of us could find a good use for £2,500. We could buy new carpets or a new kitchen, or bring a smirk of

incredulity into the bank manager's dour life.
But you might just as well be jealous of somebody for having mumps or for making a drunken pass at the chairman as for going on a cruise. Not for nothing does the word come from the Latin crux, and so is related to "crucify", "excruciating" and "cross-country running". Its ultimate origin is Punic. For the Carthaginians were world experts on the related activities of torture and cruising. But their Club Meds had iron spikes.

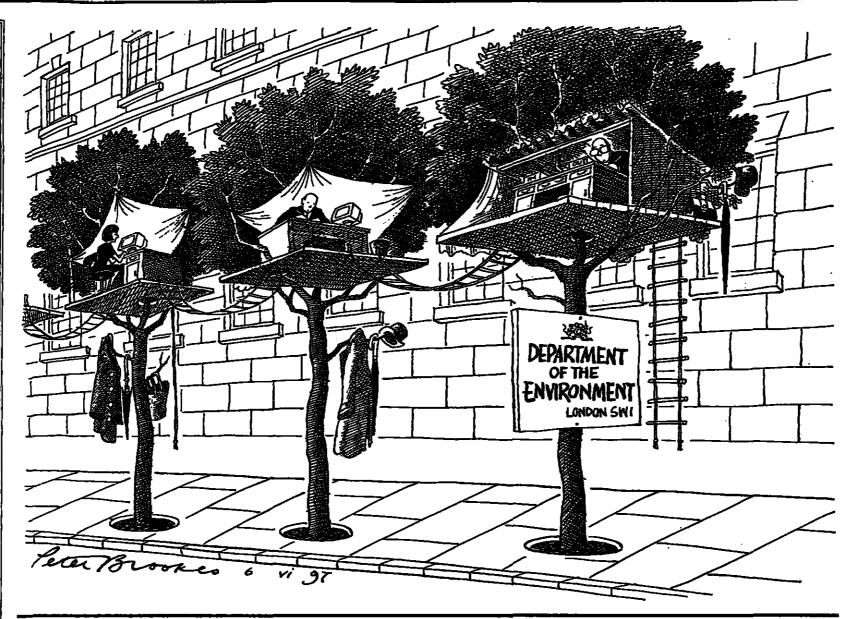
The notion that a cruise is a luxurious and glamorous holiday is an old wives' and old widowers' tale. Even in the golden age of cruising in the Thirties, life on the ocean wave for cruise passengers was not all it was cracked up to be by Hollywood and the gossip columns. Such celebrities as were present were either locked in their cabins or at the captain's table. As Dr Johnson noticed. a ship is as penitential as a prison, with less interesting company. And who is this John Prescott lookalike, raging with class envy beneath his smile, and hanging around with his hand out for his tip for having remembered your name? He must be your friendly cabin steward.

Nobody can swallow the gross over-eating and over-drinking. Quite au contraire for those of us with nervous stomachs at sea. The constant hearty activity on board is copied from primitive holiday or concentration camps. The latest hypercruise liners have miniature golf courses and driving ranges from which to hit balls into the ocean, and run a mile with a smile around the decks, announced over the loudspeakers with the fake enthusiasm of the man at Butlin's shouting, "Wakey, wakey, cruisers!" So why go to sea to practise such pointless land-based activities?

From the very beginning the literature has advised against going to sea for pleasure. You are likely to be kidnapped by a cannibal giant with one eye or turned into swine by a witch, in a suitable transformation for those who cruise to eat at the captain's table. Or a Sid James lookalike may turn up as your (inappropriate) captain, or you are capsized by a tidal wave in The Poseidon Adventure. The only jolly cruise ever taken in fiction was in Monkey Business, and you cannot count on the Marx Brothers being on your passenger list with the blue rinses from Des Moines. Any activity of which the high point is the daily lottery, in which passengers guess the number of miles covered in the previous 24 hours, must be pretty boring.

A cruise is travel without getting anywhere, or meeting different people, or opening one's eyes to new sights or one's mouth to foreign foods. Nobody wants to hear about your cruise when you get back home. And your nerdish relatives are not only sorry you went on a cruise, but deeply regret that you came back.

The only tolerable cruises are those in the company of like-minded enthusiasts and lecturers to look at antiquities, paintings or historic sites. But you still see more, and get the feel of foreign parts better, on foot than by cruise. All voyages are also voyages inside oneself. But a cruise rejects the food, avoids the customs, fears the religion, mistrusts the plumbing and avoids the people of foreign parts. You might just as well stay at home. So we at the Woolwich are taking the Halifax windfall with a superior smile.



Tories need votes, not roots

Il at once it has become commonplace to assert that the first and most important task of any new Tory leader is to buck up the organisation and morale of the Conservative Party in the country. The essential precondition to recovery of our electoral strength" was the way the chairmen of the National Union of Conservative Associations described

what they called "the top priority". Like so many pieties repeated as mantras, the assertion is tosh. When a party triumphs at an election, journalists are dispatched to produce articles on the "formidable fighting machine" the party has become. When a party crashes, the quest is for news of its organisational failure. But the Tory party's organisation has always been dreadful, and Labour's is not as good as

In politics, the myth of "structure and ruling false nostrum. Not unnaturally, it is peddled by those whose skills lie in these fields. Your Mandelsons and your Millbank managers have persuaded the world — and parts of the Conservative Party - that Labour owes its success to presentation. But it was content, not cladding, which won for Labour on May . The electorate, already sick of the Tories, could see Tony Blair was not a socialist. Every opinion poll registered their near pathetic gratitude at the news. All the rest - the volunteers, the professionals, the money, phone lines, the party machine — followed. But without the central fact of the new Blair-Brown ideology, the machine could never have produced victory.

The Tories do not need a better machine or more members. They need more voters. If the party wishes to enliven its grass roots, it should get itself a good chairman as Chairman. If it wants to win elections, it should get a leader whose message is popular and whose appeal is direct to the nation.

To attract votes, the party and its leader need to engage and please that 98 per cent of us who have never joined any political party, takes little sustained interest in politics, and never will. Such people are not reached via the party's grassroots activity, they are repelled by it. They are reached direct (and often despite the party's national organisation) through the broadcast and print media. The next leader must be, par excellence, a mass communicator: a maestro, not a general manager; a A Conservative leader's duty is never to pander to activists, but to command the argument and the MPs in Westminster

commander, not a fixer. The Conservative Party in the country is not and never could be a bridge to a wider Britain. It is a cul-de-sac of untypical electors with certain limited fundraising capabilities and an unusual wish to gather for mostly social purposes under the banner of an apparently political but covertly class-based national club.

The facts, then. There is no simple correlation between the size and vigour of a party's national membership and its propensity to win elections. In 1992 the Tory party's membership stood at its

50 years. That year, more people voted Conservative than ever before. In 1974, the year Harold Wilson won both general elections, the Conservative Party had five times as many members as the Labour Party. The size and morale of any

factors. But it is a consequence, not a cause, of both. First, it is subject to a long-term, half-

century-old, underlying and irreversible decline in national party membership. People have better things to do these days. Why would anyone with a job to do or a family to raise attend party meetings or fill in questionnaires? It would be eccentric - or, in the lingo of

The decline in Tory membership, a phenomenon suddenly on every journalst's lips, has been going on since the 1950s. At the height of her command, Margaret Thatcher led a party with about a quarter of the membership a floundering Anthony Eden could survey. Since 1960 the party has been losing some 64,000 members a year. Nor is the increase in their average age a recent phenomenon. The collapse of the Young onservatives accelerated during the 1980s, at the very time when the party's

vote-gathering was gaining momentum. Distorting this underlying decline, however, are shorter-term fluctuations

in the membership of parties. They go in and out of favour. When (as with the Tories now) a sharp cyclical fall piggybacks on to an underlying, historical decline, the gradient becomes breathtaking. The downstroke in the cycle - and here the commentators are right - is indeed linked with political failure at Westminster. It is caused by it. Getting Westminster right will bring the upstroke in membership. An upstroke in membership will not get Westminster

If this Government stumbles and shall see the hundreds of thousands of new Matthew members Mr Blair has recruited melt away like a spring snowfall. Parris If John Major's successor looks and sounds good in the House and in the media — if the

message, the argument

 is right, we shall see British political party is linked with two a sharp recovery in Tory membership. But, as the century turns, each succeeding peak and trough in the short-term cycle of party membership will be lower than those that went before. This does not matter. There is no reason why parties should have mass memberships, a quest in which, in Europe, Fascism and Communism have led the field.

Why, then, should the Tories want more members? It has not proved necessary in the past. Do we perhaps suppose that, given the plight of the Tory party now, a reinvigorated and enlarged grassroots organisation could help in the future? I doubt this, too. The money is marginal. Around 5 per cent of the party's central funds comes from the constituencies. A bit more could be whipped up, but this is unlikely to be critical. And, though local associations do help to fund their local campaigns. there is no evidence of any strong correlation between the money spent on a constituency campaign and the swing

Much has been made of the local government argument. It is doubtful.

Success in local elections, like success in recruiting new members, is a consequence, not a determinant, of national trends. It is true that Liberal Democrats build from a local base, but as a party of protest. Exercising power in the town hall rarely makes you popular. Tory councillors do contribute to the vigour of a grassroots organisation; but whether either feeds (rather than feeds upon) success at Westminster is another question.

The most plausible case for a thriving activist base is the "missionary" or "salesman" argument. The party's paidup members, it is said, are its bridge to

the wider community.

Again, tosh! Its MPs are its bridge to wider community. They will be wise to bridge direct, rather than via the intermediary of a local party. MPs are responsible to voters - and must be responsive, or they fall. Party activists are responsible to nobody. A Tory leader has a sacred duty to turn a deaf ear to grassroots activists. They are most unlikely to be typical of the general voter. Too often they irritate the general voter. Many activists hold violent, obsessive or minority opinions, caring little what the floating voter thinks.

id the loony activist ranks of the Labour Party in the early 1980s — the "grass roots" to which it was said Michael Foot, unlike Denis Healey, could appeal boost its electoral chances? The bulk of Tory activists are not loony, but civilised and sensible people (I find Tory women belie their "blue rinse" image. tending to cautious views) but the most noisy and energetic - especially the activist Tory men - are often the most embarrassing in their opinions.

I do not want the next Tory leader to pitch his appeal to these people; I do not want him to pander to them. I do not want him to see them as his bridge to Britain. I want him to face outward to Britain, not inward to his party. I do not want him to squander his energies flogging up and down the country to please them.

He will best please them by demonstrating command - command of the argument; command of his parliamentary army - at Westminster. MPs at Westminster - and floating voters beyond - need to see a boss at Westminster, not a chaplain, a glorified party manager, a salesman, or a communications supremo.

The lady is not for imitating

John Lloyd says

Blair remains in Thatcher's shadow

aroness Thatcher loves socialists who come to repentance. She loved Mikhail Gorbachev: in part for the canny reason that, having spotted his star rising, she could be a conduit between the General Secretary of the Communist Party of the Soviet Union and Ronald Reagan; but more because she loved the feeling of having a close relationship with a man groping for a way out of the economic, social and moral culture had led him. Communism had led him.

That affection now goes to Tony Blair. It is not hard to see his attraction to her. John Major was not only a severe disappointment. He had to be a disap-pointment. He had his own Conserva-tive Party to mould, the Major way his failure is part of the reason the party is now in ruins. Though it is arguable that his was an impossible task.

Mr Blair had the Labour Party to remould, and did so if not in her image, at least on her terrain. It was a job one can imagine her loving to have had herself: she had accomplished the Thatcherisation of the Tory party by her third election victory, and was faced thereafter with political rather than ideological struggles. She must have at times been tempted to offer herself for the Labour leadership, to again be able to cut a swathe through the shaky or outmoded or unexamined beliefs of a political class and to have the exhilaration of seeing ideas make a difference.

She is a woman drawn to power and to those who wield it. She can be flattered and pleased by gallantry, and Mr Blair has been courteous and charming to a fault. To be asked to give her views on foreign policy - a subject sufficiently non-partisan to allow the Prime Minister to offer a public invitation, and she to accept it -- compensated for the absence of such an invitation from her successor. Lady Thatcher could enjoy being, or at least bear to be, disliked, but she loved to be admired.

For Mr Blair, the reasons for meeting are even clearer. The invitation puts the Thatcher cat among the Tory candidate pigeons. It dilutes the Conservative Party's exclusive ownership of her legacy. It gives the Left something to grumble and whine about, an innocent pleasure he has not lost. It allows him the huge pleasure of being gracious to the woman who has dominated his political - indeed most of his adult life, and to receive a gracious response in return. It makes him look like the boss. No wonder neither wishes the first date to be the last. There is a larger reason. Margaret Thatcher is by far the most important element behind Mr Blair's assumption of the leadership of the Labour Party. The manner in which she changed the rules of political engagement in this country meant that either Labour played by them, or could not be re-elected. He was the leader who most clearly and completely grasped this: the Blairite party construction stands on Thatcherite foundations.

Critical to his doing this was a certain innocence, which he shared with her: though both were practised politicians, they did what they did more easily because the certain lack of sensitivity to, or even recognition of, the enormous shibboleths they overturned. She was a woman, and thus cut out by sex from the inner mores of her party. He was a public school-educated Oxonian barrister who did not attempt to hide it, and who kept his mind open by letting that which was useless to him or his project flow through it unhindered. Neither loved their party and both were thus free from its entanglements and snares.

They esteem and admire each other: Mr Blair more, but then she has achieved more. But do the meetings mean anything? Will new Labourism be shoved a notch or two farther right because of Thatcherite promptings from beyond the limits of her power? No. Mr Blair's habit has ever been to pick up what he can from everyone. He listens. is noncommittal, synthesises and creates his own mosaic of judgments.

Then he was junior, his influences were fellow MPs, policy wonks, a little circle of close friends. Now he bestrides the political world he can pick up this from Bill Clinton, that from Lady Thatcher. She has something to teach: a recent trip to Hong Kong would fill some of the gaps in the Prime Minister's knowledge: her instincts and feelings for European leaders — especially Helmut Kohl — would fill some more. But she can no longer guide. His policy on Europe cannot be hers - nor, no matter how wary he is of the corporatism he feels Europe might hoist upon Britain, need it be. She confronted Europe when its aspiration to be social democratic was at its height. He approaches it when that motor is failing, coughing, almost giving up. Lionel Jospin, the new Socialist remier of France, will show us just how far he will be able to preserve the present social base of his country: it seems likely he will have to engage with the same challenges - to restructure welfare. health systems and employment prac-

tices - as other European leaders. Mr Blair believes he can lead Europe down a third way - between economic liberalism and corporatism - and he may have a point. He is unlikely to do it while remaining outside the single currency, but he might achieve some of it if he goes in or gives notice of his intent to go in.

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That would be very un-Thatcherite. But if the lady was not for turning, she is not now for imitating. Showing her grace in power is a different matter. John Lloyd is Associate Editor of the New

Nosed out

THERE are vacancies at the top of the Comic Relief organisation after the departure of three of the charity's ten trustees last month. Talk is of differences between professionals and celebrities in the organisation led by Richard Curtis, who wrote Four Weddings and ਰ Funeral and Blackadder. and his girlfriend and broadcaster.

John Makins, Paddy Coulter and Alan Parker, who work in business and PR, had been with the charity since its founding in



Lenny Henry: trustee

1984. They left the board of trustees after the latest, highly successful Comic Relief Day, and their replacements are yet to be found. Curtis remains as vice chairman of the trustees, who also include Freud and the comedian Lenny Henry.

Last year Jane Tewson, the popular head of the charity, also ft, having been with Comic Relief

since it was set up.
Paul Jackson, Comic Relief's
chief executive, denies any rift: The three trustees had been with us since the outset and for different reasons decided to step down at the end of the latest cycle."

Alan Parker, a big wheel at the City PR firm Brunswick, says that the reasons for the departures have different ideas about running these things and it seemed time for us to move on. Sometimes you need fresh blood." Others are not so equanimous, saying: "The old guard had had enough and felt overwhelmed by the Curtis and

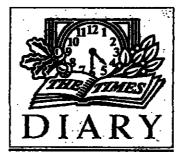
 Many Australians were spared their team's performance at nel 9 television decided against

screening the first few hours of the Test, picking it up only halfway through the day. Viewers were senter looking as though someone had stolen his box and calling his side's first innings "a sorry tale of woe".

With a bang

A SOUR note has crept into the table-talk of Hong Kong's fattest cats, who are competing with each other in the Chinese patriotism stakes. China is determined to outdo the Hong Kong Government's firework display for the handover on June 30 with a much bigger one of its own the following day.





Beijing's firework pot is rumoured to be a cool £10 million, so the hat is frantically being handed round Hong Kong's boardrooms where conservative tycoons are paying up reluctantly: it pains them to see their loot go up in smoke.

The democrats, meanwhile, are planning their own uses for the firework display the night before: as gunpowder smog floats over the harbour, they plan to write freedom messages in the murk with laser beams.

 Insomniacs may care to dig out a new Tory leadership pamphlet called John Redwood, the man. "He likes getting things done", reads the pamphlet, written by Redwood's Tonto. Hywel Williams. "He has been a businessman, a civil servant, a teacher, a Member of Parliament and a Minister of the Crown." A teach-

College, Oxford, is hardly flying rubbers and chalk dust.

Write wing

MY STORY yesterday about Neil Hamilton's desperate attempt to persuade publishers to take his book is only the tip of the iceberg where the scribbling efforts of dis-enchanted Tories are concerned. Tim Yeo, the former Environ-

ment Minister, who kept his seat, has excited publishers already with his proposal for a book and there are hopes that he might detail the affair with a local councilfor which culminated in his downfall. Oliver Letwin, the highbrow MP for Dorset West, is also scratching away: Phillip Oppenheim is bashing out a parliamentary bonkbuster, as is Edwina Currie, who is churning out another. It won't be long, surely, before "the man" Redwood gets cracking on his Vulcan trilogy.

Ol right

HEARTBREAKING news for male moviegoers. Thandie Newton, the British actress who is turning Hollywood heads with her performance as a seedy nightclub singer in the film Gridlock'd, has become engaged to the writer and er? Well. a Fellow of All Souls film director. Ol Parker.



Thandie Newton: engaged

Thandie came to public attention in her death scene in the film Interview With The Vampire, in which Tom Cruise and Brad Pitt nibbled at her neck. She later cavorted with the rock star Jon Bon Jovi in the film The Leading Man.

However, her allegiance lies with Parker (a contemporary at Cambridge where she studied anthropology), who cast her in his date-rape drama in Your Dreams. Parker's political convictions are struggling in the new climate: he returned his Labour membership card in disgust at Tony Blair's reforms well before the party came



THE TORY CHOICE

A weekend of consultation and decision lies ahead

This weekend is the last chance for Conservative MPs to consult in their constituencies before voting in the first round of the leadership ballot. Labour's landslide has reduced the Parliamentary Conservative party from an army to a partisan force. As Michael Pinto-Duschinsky makes painfully clear on page 15, the Conservative Party in the country is itself in a shrunken state. All surviving MPs should take care to listen to their surviving supporters. The 164 Conservatives in the current Parliament must decide: but the party as a whole should have the loudest voice that the present rules allow.

The candidate who has become most identified with the need for party reorganisation is William Hague. In his recognition of the need for internal reform, his ability to communicate, his youth and his potential to reach out beyond traditional areas of party support he is a plausible Tory Blair. Endorsing Mr Hague, however, like endorsing Mr Blair at the general election, would be endorsing a position still hazily defined, a politician not yet apprenticed in adversity. We understand the hope of his supporters but hope alone is not enough for a Tory recovery.

There are two other candidates, otherwise unalike, who are as battle-hardened as Mr Hague is not. John Redwood is a brave politician, principled enough to resign in 1995 and contest the leadership and courageous enough since to speak the truth to power. In our view, however, he is not the man to wield it. Even those colleagues who respect his heart and mind do not see in him the lineaments of a leader and certainly do not detect the talents of a healer. Kenneth Clarke is another unlikely binder of the party's wounds. The Shadow Chancellor has enormous natural talents but an unwillingness to learn from experience. Life in the Thatcher Government should have taught him that the centre ground is a quagmire. Mr Clarke's talents are obvious: his ability to map a path out of the mire for the Tory

The remaining two candidates for the leadership have shown an ability to change the terms of political debate. Both Michael Howard and Peter Lilley used political skill and intellectual power to shift the consensus while in office. Mr Howard exposed bienpensant assumptions about crime, held them up to scrutiny and saw many of them fragment. Caricatured as an extremist, he stilled the ritual calls for the rope at Tory party conferences more effectively than any of his liberal predecessors. For that and other achievements he deserves applause and has often won it from us - but not the highest job in his party.

Peter Lilley's task at Social Security was every bit as tough as Michael Howard's at the Home Office. Like Mr Howard, he inherited a remorselessly rising trend - of spending not crime - and brought it under control. He did more than that, however. Mr Lilley showed a farsighted strategic sense of the need to reform welfare and the way that it should be done. He did so without securing the public vilification endured by Mr Howard, a sign not so much of selfeffacement as sure-footedness. He influenced his political opponents as well as his friends. He won arguments even when he was not scoring points.

Mr Lilley does not possess the charisma of Baroness Thatcher: but then neither did she when she became Tory leader and neither does anyone else in this contest. He is not a grand master of the electronic media. But his performances have much improved and will improve further. His instincts are the soundest and the surest in this field. He is rigorously sceptical about the current European project but never narrowly strident. He believes in freedom, for markets, nations and individuals. He appreciates the complementary traditions within the Tory party and wants to make use of them all. Most of all he exemplifies the best of those traditions, the love of liberty. For that he has our support; on that he should be judged this weekend of decision.

FLYNN'S FLYTRAP

Britain faces the cost of signing the social chapter

The first rule of grand strategy is to assess the enemy not just by its intentions, but by its capacity to wage war. The maxim holds equally for dealings with Britain's friends in the European Union. In deciding to end Britain's opt-out from the European social chapter, Tony Blair gave that rule a lower priority than political expediency at home. He has been ambushed for it almost immediately, in the very week that he and Gordon Brown set out to sell their EU plan for jobs based on more flexible labour markets.

The EU directive proposed by Padraig Flynn, the EU Social Affairs Commissioner, is the antithesis of flexibility. It would compel businesses with as few as 50 workers to set up consultation committees for employees. If these companies then made employees redundant or closed factories without consulting the workforce in advance, the decisions would be declared illegal and they could be heavily fined.

Mr Flynn has sprung this trap so rapidly that it must have been ready waiting for the British fly to come within range. The TUC in its unwisdom is delighted. The Government. which is not, may have to comply. Since almost all other EU countries have such legislation already, they will welcome it as a means of reducing Britain's "unfair" competitive advantages. Britain is unlikely to prevent itself being heavily outvoted.

This is not what Mr Blair led business to expect. In Labour's business manifesto, he insisted that far from doing anything to weaken British competitiveness. Labour would carry the British model to the heart of Europe. Yes, Labour would sign the social chapter, but business should lose no sleep over that since "there is no appetite among other EU governments for significant new

labour market legislation". Buried in that phrase was a half-admission that should the appetite revive, the EU could introduce costly and anti-competitive laws. But Mr Blair dismissed that fear with the promise that he would reject any extension of qualified majority voting in social policy. But items introduced under the cover of "working conditions" and "information and consultation of workers" are already subject only to majority decision.

Yesterday in Sweden, in the bosom of Europe's euphoric Socialist parties, Mr Blair bravely extolled the virtues of competition, listing the high economic costs of "rigidity, unnecessary regulation and old-style intervention". Mr Brown says that for Britain to accept social chapter legislation, it must meet three tests: it must increase productivity and job opportunities and actually increase labour market flexibility. But that was never the purpose of the social chapter; its goal is "social protection" - which, for a majority of governments, means curbing the freedoms of company managements.

If outvoted, Britain could mount a legal challenge to this destructive scheme, citing the social chapter provision that EU directives "shall avoid imposing administrative, financial and legal constraints in a way which would hold back the creation and development of small and medium-sized undertakings". Mere mortals might think that the caveat fits this directive to a tee, but whether the European Court of Justice would agree is in the lap of the gods — as the previous Government repeatedly found when it tried such defensive tactics. Mr Blair's boast was that new Britain had said goodbye to all that. If he had not signed the social chapter. it might have been a longer honeymoon.

DNA IN THE DIG

New technologies are telling us with certainty whence we came

The decipherment of the genetic code, one of the great scientific triumphs of the 1960s, has opened many doors. But none, surely, has provided a more enticing or unexpected prospect than the use of genetic information in archaeology and anthropology. Today comes news that DNA analysis is to be used to try to solve one of the mysteries of the Mayan dynasties that ruled large parts of pre-Columbian America. If so, then the language of the genes will have helped us to understand a society whose own hieroglyphic language remained until recently as obscure as the mechanisms of heredity.

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DNA serves the archaeologist well because it is both an identifier and a measure of the passage of time. When the skeletons of a family found buried in a pit in Russia were analysed, it was to establish that the mitochondrial DNA they carried matched those of descendants of the Romanov dynasty. The match proved beyond a reasonable doubt that indeed the remains of Tsar Nicholas and most of his family had been found.

But DNA can also serve as a clock, its slow mutation rate measuring the passage of the millennia. Mitochondrial DNA - the type that is found in the organs within cells that provide energy - is passed down unchanged from mothers to children. The only changes are accidental mutations, which occur at a known rate. The study of mitochondrial DNA has enabled scientists from Oxford to conclude that 85 per cent of Europeans had a common ancestor in the Ice Age.

In Mexico, the aims are simpler, archaeologists simply want to know whether the Red Queen", a royal personage whose tomb was discovered in 1994, was related to King Pacal, a 7th-century ruler of the Mayan civilisation in Palenque. By opening Pacal's tomb for the first time since it was discovered in 1952, it may be possible to match his DNA with that of the Red Queen, and establish something new about the rules

of descent that governed the Mayan throne. So can archaeologists throw away their trowels and rely in future on genetic analysis? Certainly not, for archaeology today rests on a broad base of scientific disciplines undreamt of by Heinrich Schliemann when first he went in search of Troy. Radioisotopes and tree-rings can provide reliable dates, while geophysical techniques can reveal ancient structures beneath the ground without even deploying a spade. Each new technique adds cumulatively to the assurance with which archaeologists can state their conclusions, but none is paramount. Together they have given archaeology what no historical discipline has previously enjoyed: the certainty of knowledge based on science. As a result, we all know much better whence we came.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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Timetable the key to referendum Bill

From the Director of the Constitution Unit

Sir, Your recent leaders (May 22 and June 4) have argued against guillotining the Referendums (Scotland and Wales) Bill and against holding prelegislative referendums. You are mistaken on both counts.

There is a strong case for timetabling all Bills, and not merely constitutional Bills. As was recommended by the Hansard Society Commission on the Legislative Process, reporting in 1993, timetabling can help to ensure both more effective scrutiny and more efficient use of parliamentary time.

As for pre-legislative referendums, it may be sensible to ascertain public opinion before embarking on a major constitutional change. Take the case of Wales, which in the 1979 referendum rejected the assembly proposed in the Wales Act 1978 by four to one. This was after two devolution Bills had taken up much of two parliamentary

How much parliamentary time and political energy might have been saved if the Welsh people had been invited to express their view before introduction of the legislation rather than after? In the light of that experience it seems only prudent to ascertain the people's view beforehand, but it must be, as you say, on the basis of a detailed and comprehensive White

Yours sincerely, ROBERT HAZELL,

The Constitution Unit. 4 Tavistock Place, WC1.

From Mr Martin Fotheringham

Sir. As another Scot living and working in London, I agree with Mr Ewan Phillips (letter, May 28) that Scots resident outside Scotland should not be denied the opportunity to vote in the forthcoming referendum.

There is a certain irony in his observation that the captain of the Scottish football team will not have a say in Scotland's future. Gary McAllister missed a penalty for Scotland against England and cannot vote. Sixty seconds later Paul Gascoigne scored a goal playing for England against Scotland and will be allowed to vote.

It is also interesting to note that Ian McGeechan, who is currently working with the cream of British rugby talent to create a side capable of beating South Africa, the world champions, is another Scot who will not be allowed to vote. I believe we should follow his example and concentrate on uniting Britain into a country of world champions rather than wasting time on futile local government issues.

MARTIN FOTHERINGHAM, 10 Cardigan Road, Richmond, Surrey. May 30.

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Jobs at risk

From Sir John Hoskyns, Chairman of the Burton Group

Sir, Professor George Bain, head of the Low Pay Commission, was quoted (report, June 3) on the possible effects of a minimum wage:

I would be surprised if there were not some job losses, but the question is whether those

jobs would be better lost anyway. This casual remark reveals the disturbing cast of mind of even the most intelligent people when they seek to impose, by administrative process, what should in reality be naturally occurring economic outcomes.

Who is to determine which particular jobs should be "lost"? Who is intended to benefit? What appeal process would be available to those doing the jobs in question? How will they be compensated?

Professor Bain is well placed and well qualified to prevent such sloppy - and authoritarian - thinking, not to encourage it.

Yours faithfully, JOHN HOSKYNS, Chairman. The Burton Group, plc. 10 Great Castle Street, WI. June 4.

Need for a child

From Dr William Cave

Sir, Simon Jenkins ("Sexual politics of procreation. May 28) talks of the "misery of infertility" and of easing "the path to happiness for miserable parents". I am one half of an infertile couple and am deliriously happy in my marriage.

Too often the driving principles behind assisted pregnancy seem to be a child at any cost, the desires of the prospective parents must be fulfilled, and the end result justifies the means. no matter how bizarre.

Childlessness is not some dark pit, indeed it may even be viewed by some as liberating, and children are an addition to one's life, not the reason for it.

Yours faithfully, W. K. CAVE (General practitioner), Stanford House, Priors Hill Road, Aldeburgh, Suffolk.

Defining the role of a women's unit

From the Special Adviser to the Minister for Women

Sir, Your profile of me today could possibly have given the impression that I think it is now laughable to demand that men should do half of the

On the contrary: sharing domestic labour is no less important today than it was in the 1970s. It seems less outrageous because the idea is much more commonplace. Indeed it is widely assumed that where men and women both work they should share domestic labour. The trouble is, they don't women still do almost all of it.

What we need is much more familyfriendly working conditions so that men and women can combine paid employment and parenting on an equal footing. The fight goes on.

ANNA COOTE, Institute for Public Policy Research. 30-32 Southampton Street, WC2.

Yours sincerely.

From the Representative for England to the European Women's Lobby

Sir. It is good news that Harriet Harman, the new Minister for Women, has established a high powered special committee to monitor

all policy development for its impact on both women and men, to be supported by a women's unit (report, "Harman says women will have greater say on policy". June 4; also report, June 5).

I very much hope minister and unit will have all the resources they need and the widest possible brief.

As Secretary of State for Social Security. Ms Harman also heads one of the largest departments of the Civil Service, so she has a great opportunity to set an example - by creating a cli-mate in which both men and women are encouraged to achieve a balance between work and home life through putting into effect flexible, familyfriendly policies and avoiding the dreaded long-hours culture.

Above all, we need our head of state and our Secretary of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs, when they are in Amsterdam in a few days, to sign up to a new treaty that includes an article making the achievement of equality between women and men fundamental to the "New Europe".

Yours sincerely. ANNETTE LAWSON, National Alliance of Women's Organisations, PO Box 257, Twickenham TWI 4XG.

Labour anger at Camelot payments

From Mr George Guise

Sir. New Labour has made its first mistake of philosophy by interfering in the management payments at Camelot (report and City comment, June 3: letters, May 31). If it believes Camelot is failing to deliver the terms of its franchise, it has not only the right but the duty to act. If not, it should leave well alone until the franchise to relet. when it may reset any of the terms, including, if it were so foolish, abandonment of the profit incentive. We could then have a southern European-style lottery, which wastes most of the punters' money on lax administration by myriad low-paid bureaucrats.

If shareholders overpay manage-

ment they waste only their own money and the disequilibrium is ultimately resolved by the market changing the management, the shareholders, or both. However much the Alf Garnetts may applaud his action, it is no business whatsoever of any Secretary of State. There is a line in the sand between maintaining efficient delivery of a public service such as a monopoly tranchise and tryi meddle in the mechanism by which it

Hopefully, this is a one-off aberration which demonstrates the danger of bringing populist instincts from opposition to government. Otherwise, let the Government forget its hope of raising substantial risk capital for public projects from the Private Finance Initiative.

Yours faithfully, GEORGE GUISE (Member, Prime Minister's Policy Unit, 1986-90), 90 Long Acre, WCZ.

From Mr Andrew Heffer

Sir, Government indignation at the increases for the Camelot directors is commendable but misplaced. Until

the franchise to operate the lottery is due for renewal Camelot may presumably do what it likes with its pro-

A far more regrettable development, in my view, is the Labour Party's pledge (report, April 24) to use 11 billion of proceeds from the mid-week draw to fund education and the National Health Service. These are worthy of additional expenditure but they are not the "good causes" that the National Lottery was established to

The Government is already the principal "lottery winner" since it receives 13 per cent of lottery revenue in tax. At a time when charities are experiencing significant difficulties in fundraising as a result of the lottery, we face the prospect of its using the proportion previously earmarked for good causes to make good any shortfall in the Treasury's accounts.

Yours faithfully, ANDREW HEFFER, 6 Baddeley Hall Road, Baddeley Green, Stoke-on- i rent. Stanordshire

From the Reverend Anthony Luckcuck

Sir. The outrage in a teacup over paying the national raffle directors can easily be assuaged: let them instead have payment in kind - say, a weekly handful of scratchcards each, or some free random lottery entries.

Some might feel that that would be too much like adding incentive to injury, but it follows common practice, and (sauce for the goose) are not the odds of winning supposed to be quite

Yours faithfully, ANTHONY LUCKCUCK, St John's Vicarage, 261 Oakdale Road, Carlton, Nottinghamshire. June 3.

Racial harassment

From Councillor George Meehan, Chair of the London Housing Unit

Sir, Dr Gary Slapper is right: legislation alone will not halt racially motivated crime ("Waging war on prejudice", Law, June 3). Nonetheless, the new Labour Government's desire to rectify the omission of such crime from the 1994 Criminal Justice and Public Order Act ought to be encouraged.

In May 1996 the London Housing Unit found that over half of London's councils had obtained possession orders or injunctions in the previous 12 months against tenants who had racially harassed their neighbours. This represents progress compared to a decade ago, but the action was limited to an area over which councils have

some control - their own homes. Most of those living in the private rented sector, or who own their own homes, cannot shelter under the umbrella of a benign landlord who may take action against their tormentors. Croydon council has recently succeeded in winning a High Court injunction against a private flat owner accused of racially harassing her neighbours over a number of years.

As well as tighter laws and official determination to take action, there is a real need for more imaginative ways of neutralising the racist threat against ethnic minorities.

Yours sincerely, GEORGE MEEHAN, Bedford House, 125-133 Camden High Street, NW1.

Chair, London Housing Unit,

Projecting Mercator

From Dr Bruce Marsden Sir, Contrary to your leading article of

May 29, Gerard Mercator did not produce "the world's first atlas". What he did was to apply the word "atlas" in a specific way to a coherent collection of maps of the known modern world bound together for speculative sale. The current concept of an atlas was

first used by his very good friend Abraham Ortelius in 1570 with his Theatrum Orbis Terrarum, closely followed by their compatriot, Cornelis de Jode in 1578, with Speculum Orbis Terrarum. The first volume of Mercator's pub-

lication in which the word "atlas" was introduced in the title, Atlas sive Cosmographicae meditationes de fabrica mundi et fabricati figura - Atlas or Cosmographical Meditations upon the Making of the World and its Depiction - was published in 1586. The five-part work was still not complete on Gerard's death in 1594, his son Rumold publishing the final volume in the following year.

Mercator was well aware of Ortelius's primacy as an innovative entrepreneur and congratulated him warmly on his cartographic achievement in correspondence. Yours faithfully.

BRUCE MARSDEN, 9 Brunel Lodge, Cruddas Park, Newcastle upon Tyne. May 30.

From the Ambassador of Belgium

Sir, Mercator was not "a Dutchman", as your leading article alleges. He was born in Rupelmonde in Flanders, then part of the Spanish Netherlands - a territory broadly corresponding with modern Belgium.

Yours sincerely. LODE WILLEMS, Embassy of Belgium, 103 Eaton Square, SWI.

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'Cowardice' and stress in wartime

From Mr Richard Thompson

Sir, You have reported and commented on the Minister for the Armed Forces' decision to review a number of cases of desertion and "cowardice" in the 1914-18 war which led to the execution of the servicemen concerned (leading article, May 28: letters, June

I have written to the minister concerning the treatment of a number of Royal Air Force aircrew in the Second World War. The airmen concerned became unfit or unable to continue operational flying as a result of the stress involved. They were reduced to the ranks (if NCOs) and had their documents endorsed "lack of moral fibre". Their flying brevets were for-

feited. As a member of aircrew in Bomber Command I was fortunate that the war in Europe ended when I had been on operations for only three months. At 18 one started out with no idea of the stress involved.

Now that so much more is understood about stress, perhaps this is the time for steps to be taken to ensure that the aircrew involved have their service records cleansed of this "lack of moral fibre" label.

Yours faithfully, RICHARD THOMPSON, 34 Nethergate. Crail, Anstruther, Fife.

From Professor John A. Davis

Sir. I welcome the decision to consider pardoning soldiers shot for alleged cowardice or desertion in the First

I recollect my father telling me he had to be present at the shooting of a French deserter. The man to be shot was accompanied to the place of execution by a comrade who was also a priest. The priest said something to the frightened boy — he was no more
— who in response drew himself up to
attention and faced the firing party as

if on parade. My father asked the priest what he said to effect such a transformation. "I told him", the priest replied, "that he was dying for his country like all the rest - as indeed he was.

Men, often volunteers, who faced what they had to endure until it broke them deserve to have their names inscribed on our memorials alongside their comrades who were killed in

Yours faithfully, JOHN A. DAVIS, l Cambridge Road. Great Shelford, Cambridge.

School worship

From the Reverend Struan H. Dunn Sir, Reading your letters today on the proposed abolition of collective worship in schools. I was reminded of the introduction by the historian. David Newsome, to Godliness & Good Learning - Four Studies on a Victor-

ian Ideal (John Murray, 1961): "What is a college without a chapel?" Bishop Christopher Wordsworth once asked a friend, a canon of Winchester Cathedral. "An angel without wings", was the prompt reply. The Bishop went on his way rejoicing. We need not wonder at his pleasure. His friend had expressed in a single phrase the ideal of godliness and good learning" and had confirmed the Bishop's own conviction that to separate education from religion was as grievous as to set a man to climb a mountain and then

deprive him of a guide. Such a view may be easily dismissed today. But there must be some people, myself included, who believe that the above ideal enshrines a wisdom applicable to every age.

Yours sincerely, STRUAN H. DUNN, The Rectory, Shipley Hills Road, Meopham, Kent.

Wrong Q

June 4.

From Mr Desmond Llewelyn Sir, I am afraid PHS (June 2) is misin-

formed: there is no such character as "Q" in the Bond books. 'Q", a quartermaster, owes his origin to a line from the script of the film. From Russia with Love, in which I was introduced as the equipment officer (luckily for me, Peter Barton, the actor

who played Major Boothroyd in Dr. No. was not available). Major Boothroyd does not become "Q" in the credits until, I think, Diamonds are Forever, in which film he is called "Q" for the first time.

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Yours sincerely, DESMOND LLEWELYN. c/o Rebecca Blond Associates.

52 Shaftesbury Avenue, WI. Sinking feeling

From Mr Henry Robinson

Sir, My congratulations to the University Challenge teams who managed to memorise vast tracts of useless esoterica and to Magdalen College for performing such rapid mental arithmetic (report, June 5) — but I feel that among such bright sparks, someone should have spotted that, according to the stated dimensions and volume, Noah's Ark was shaped like a brick.

Yours truly. HENRY ROBINSON, 27 Redwing Road. Clanfield. Hampshire. June 5.



COURT CIRCULAR

June 5: The Queen this morning inspected The Queen's Body Guard of the Yeomen of the Guard in the

BUCKINGHAM PALACE

of the Teamen of the Guard in the Garden of Buckingham Palace. The Lord McIntosh of Haringey (Captain), Colonel Greville Tutnell (Lieutenant), Colonel Shaun Lungsdon (Clerk of the Cheque and Adjulant). Major Charles Marriott (Ensign) and Major Charks Enderby and Major Thomas Wills (Exons) were on parade. The Body Guard received Her Majesty with a Royal At the conclusion of the inspection.

the Body Guard gave three cheers for The Queen and Marched past Her Majesty.
The Band of the Scots Guards.

under the direction of Lieutenant-Colonel David Price, and the Corps of Drums of the 1st Battalion Soots

Guards were on parade.

Later Miss Famsin Brew was received by The Queen upon relinquishing her appointment as Policy and Research Officer. Private Sucretary's Office.

The following upon paging in Her

The following were received by Her Majesty this afternoon upon their appointments: Parliamentary Under-Secretaries of State, Environment, Transport and the Regions: Mr Nick Raymsford MP (Landon and Con-struction), Ms Glenda Jackson MP Transport in London), the Baroness Hayman (Roads) and Ms Angela Eagle MP; Mr Geoff Hoon MP (Parfiamentary Secretary, Lord Chan-cellor's Department); Parliamentary Under-Secretaries of State, Home Office: Mr. George Howarth MP (Deregulation, Drugs, Elections) and Mr. Mike O'Brien MP (Immigration and Nationality): Parliamentary Secretaries. Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food: Mr Elliot Morley MP (Fisheries and the Countryside) and the Lord Donoughue (Farming and Food Industry): Parliamentary Under-Secretaries of State, Scottish Office: Mr Sam Galbraith MP (Health Office Mr Sam Gaibrain Mr Friedin and Arts) and Mr Malcolm Chisholm MP (Local Government and Trans-port): Mr John Spellar MP (Par-liamentary Under-Secretary of State. Ministry of Defence: Parliamentar Under-Secretaries of State, National Heritage: Mr Mark Fisher, MP (Arts) and Mr Tony Banks MP (Sport): Mr Keith Bradley MP (Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State, Social Sec urityt: Parliamentary Under-Sec-retaries of State, Northern Ireland: Mr Tony Worthington (Education, Training and Employment, Health, Community Relations) and the Lord Dubs (Environment, Agriculture): Parliamentary Under-Secretaries of State, Welsh Office: Mr Peter Hain MP and Mr Win Griffiths MP, Lord

worth MP. Mr Graham Allen MP. Mr Jim Dowd MP, Mr John McFall MP and Mr Jon Owen Jones MP: Assistant Government Whips: Mr David Clelland MP, Mr Kevin Hughes MP, Mr David Jamieson MP, Mr Greg Pope MP and Mrs Bridget Prentice MP. The Queen this evening attended Beating Retreat by the Massed Bands of the Household Division on Horse

Commissioners: Mr Robert Ains

Guards Parade and was received by the Major General Commanding (Major General Iain Mackay-Dick. The Duke of Edinburgh left Heathrow Airport. London, this morning for the United States of America.

His Royal Highness this evening attended a Dinner, held to commemorate the Fiftieth Anniversary of the Marshall Plan, at the National Building Museum, Washington DC. Brigadier Miles Hunt-Davis is in

BUCKINGHAM PALACE June 5: The Princess Royal, Patron, National Association of Victims Sup-port Schemes, this morning chaired the meeting of the Advisory Board at

Her Royal Highness, Patron, the Basic Skills Agency, this afternoon presented the Basic Skills Quality Mark for Secondary Schools at Buckingham Palace. The Princess Royal, Patron, this

evening attended a Reception at Buckingham Palace to mark the Tenth Anniversary of the Dev-clopment Trust (for the Mentally Handicapped).

Her Royal Highness, President,
Save the Children Fund, later attended the Summer in City Gala

III. London EC2. CLARENCE HOUSE

June 5: Colonel Stephen Angus today had the honour of being received by Queen Elizabeth The Queen Mother. Colonel-in-Chief. The Black Watch (Royal Highland Regiment) of Canada, on his appointment as Honorary Colonel of the Regiment. ST JAMES'S PALACE

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June 5: The Prince of Wales this
morning visited Middlesbrough and
was received by the Lord Crathorne
(Deputy Licutenant of North
Yorkshire),
His Royal Highness, President,
reviewed the work of The Prince's
Trust in the region and attended a
seminar on "Young People and the
"Boro" at Middlesbrough Football
Club's Riverside Stadium.

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The Prince of Wales afterwards visited Hall Garth School, planted a tree in the Nikki Conroy Memorial Garden and met staff and pupils.

Later His Ruyal Highness toured the Tessside Hospice Care Foundation, met staff and patients and opened the Hospice's new Palliarive Care Control.

Care Centre.
The Prince of Wales this afternoon visited Hartlepool and was received by Her Majsty's Lord-Lieutenant of County Durham (Sir Paul Nicholson).

His Royal Highness visited the Civic Centre. Victoria Road, and Hardepool Art Gallery. Church The Prince of Wales afterwards

visited the Historic Quay development at Hartlepool Marina, including HMS Trincomatee.

His Royal Highness, President, Architecture, this evening attended a Concert in Riport Cathedral and was received by Mr Michael Abrahams (Deputy Lieutenant of North

KENSINGTON PALACE June 5: The Princess Margaret, Counters of Snowdon today visited Guernsey and was received by the Lieutenant-Governor of the Bailiwick of Guernsey (Vice-Admiral Sir John Her Royal Highness was enter-

tained to Luncheon at Government House.
The Princess Margaret, Countess of Snowdon, President, the National Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children, this afternoon opened the Society's new Centre in Fountain Street, St Peter Port, and attended a Reception for members and support-ers of the Guernsey Branch at Cambridge Park.

Her Royal Highness subsequently named the new Lifeboat Spirit of Guernsey in a Ceremony at St Peter June 5: The Duke of Gloucester today visited Lancashire and was received

by Her Majesty's Lord-Lieutenan (the Lord Shuttleworth). His Royal Highness opened new technology buildings at Carr Hill High School, Kirkham, and afterwards, as Grand Prior, the Order of

St John, opened the renovated County Headquarters at Fulwood, Presion.

Later The Duke of Glouceste opened the Lancashire and Lakeland Radiotherapy Unit at the Royal Presson Hospital, Presson, and after-Association Limited's development at Deendale, Preston.

YORK HOUSE une 5: The Duke of Kent, President the Scout Association, this morning re-opened Baden-Powell House, Queen's Gate, London SW7, follower hy a rour of the offices.

His Royal Highness, Colonel, Scots Guards, this evening attended a Dinner with officers attending The Queen's Birthday Parade, at Wellington Barracks, London SWI.

YORK HOUSE June 4: The Duke of Kent this morning unveiled statues of Field Marshal Montgomery and a World War II soldier at a ceremony held at the D-Day Museum, Southsea, Ports mouth, and was received by Her Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant of Hamp shire (Mr. Mary Fagan).

The Queen has been pleased to appoint the Reverend Canon Rev Chapman and the Reverend Canon Brian Osborne Chaplains to Her



Royal engagements The Queen will visit Winkle Island, Hastings at 11.10, the Shipwreck Heritage Centre at 11.25, the Fishermen's Museum at 11.50, will visit Hastings Town Hall and open Priory Meadow Shopping Centre at 12.10; will unveil the Spirit of Cricket statue in Queen's Square at 12.15; will visit Hastings College of Arts and Technology at 12.50, and West St Leonards School at 2.55. The Duke of York will visit the James Bond Exhibition at the Royal Armouries, Leeds at 11.30; will present the Yorkshire Globe Award at the Yorkshire Business Conference, Harewood House, at 3.10. Later, as Patron, he will attend Opera North's production of Violanta at the Grand Theatre. at 8.15.

Birthdays today The King of the Belgians celebrates

his 63rd birthday today. Sir Derek Alun-Jones, company director, 64; Mrs Sara Banerji. writer, 65; Sir Isaiah Berlin, OM, FBA, former President, British Academy, 88; Mrs Jane Betts, secretary-general, Law Society. 44; Professor B. Bleaney, FRS, physicist, 82; Mr David Blunkett, Secretary of State for Education and Employment, 50; Mr Bjorn Borg, tennis player, 41: Lord Carrington, KG, CH, 78; Mr David Chipp, former Editor-in-Chief, Press Association, 70: Dame Ninette de Valois, OM, CH, founder. Roya Ballet. 99: Mr Paul Esswood. counter-tenor, 55: Mr Mike Gatting, cricketer, 40; Lord iladwin of Clee, 67; Mr Iair Hamilton, composer, 75; Professor R.A. Humphreys, Latin American historian, 90: Mr J. Kay-Mouat, former President of the States of Alderney, 64: Lord Kings Norton, 95: Mr Willie-John McBride, former rugby player, 57; Sir Robin Maxwell-Hyslop, former MP, 66; the Marquess of Milford Haven. 36; Sir Douglas Morpeth, chartered accountant, 73; Sir Bryan Nicholson, former chairman, Post Office, 65: Air Marshal Sir Charles Pringle, 78; Dr M. Richardson, Principal, Graduate Society, Dur-ham University, 57: Dr Ruth Sanger, FRS, haematologist, 79: Lord Stodart of Leaston, St. Mr. Klaus Tennstedt, conductor, 71: Mr R.J. Tyrrell, former chairman, The Henley Centre for Forecasting, 46; Mr Frank Tyson, former cricketer, 67: Miss Billie Whitelaw, actress, 65; Sir Donald Wilson, former chairman. North West

Memorial services

The Queen was represented by Sir Isaiah Berlin, OM, FBA, and the Duke of Edinburgh by Sir Michael Atiyah, OM, FRS, at a memorial service for the life and work of Dame Veronica Wedgwood, OM, historian and writer, held on Wednesday at the Temple Church. Canon Joseph Robinson, Master of the Temple, officiated.

Sir Martin Wedgwood, nephew, read the lesson and Miss Jill Balcon read from History and Hone by Dame Veronica, Death. be not Proud by John Donne, They that live beyond the World by William Penn and Fear no more the Heat of the Sun by William Shakespeare. Mr Richard Ollard gave an address.

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Among others present were:
Pamela Lady Wedgwood isister-inlaw), Miss Jaqueline Hope-Wallace.
Lady Wedgwood, Mr and Mrs Julian
Wedgwood, Mr Adam Wedgwood,
Mrand Mrs Alan Wedgwood, Mrand
Mrs Anjony Wedgwood, Or and Mrs
John Wedgwood, Mr Simon Wedgwood, Mr and Mrs Tony Pawson, Mr
and Mrs Philip Pawson, Mr William
Pawson, Miss Dora Pease.
Lord and Lady Lloyd of Berwick,
Lord Lowry, Lord Briggs, Lord
Donaldson of Kingsbridge, Lord
Nicholis of Birkenhead (Treasurer,
Middle Tempie), Mrs Deborah
Owen.

Middle Temple), Mrs Deborah Owen.

Sir Ralph and Lady Gibson, the Hon Gil Devlin, Sir Timothy and Lady Hoare. Sir James Nursaw, QC. Sir Andrew Huxley. OM. FRS. and Lady Huxley. the Hon Sir Steven Runiciman, CH. FBA. Sir Brian Fall (Lady Margaret Hall, Oxford), Sir Edward Ford (Secretary and Registra, Order of Meril).

Mr Michael Rublinstein, Miss Nancy Sandars, FBA. Mr Ilm Nodder, His Honour Owen Stable, QC. Mr Charles Hoare. Mrs Richard Oilard, Miss Joanna Richardson, Dr Margaret McKerrow. Mr and Mrs John Anderson. Dr David Pyke. Mr Douelas Mathews Mr G. M John Anderson. Dr David Pyke. Mr Douglas Matthews. Mr G M Cartwright Sharp, Mrs Vanessa Cityn Jones, Mr D H Doble. Mrs Alfonso Torrents Dels Prats, Judge Richard Havery. QC (Middle Temple Historical Society). The Rev Professor Owen Chadwick. OM. KBE. FBA. (British Academy), Mr Negley Harte (University College

london). Dr G Aylmer, FBA, and Dr Christopher Kitching (Royal Commission on Historical Manuscripts). Miss E B Shurgis (Norland Piace School). Professor O Anderson (Theodora Bosanquet Trust), Mr and Mrs David Howeli (Ashley Court Residents), Professor Peter Marshall, FBA (Royal Historical Society).

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Mr William Kirby (Museum and Galleries Disability Association), Mrs Jean Bowden (Society of Women Writers and Journalists), Miss Julia Abel Smith (Royal Society of Interactic), Mr Alan Bell (London Library). Ms Josephine Pullein-Thompson (English Centre of International PEN). Mr Mark Le Fanu (Society of Authors), Miss Valerie Crontwell (History of Parliannent Trust).

Miss Alethea Hayter, Mrs E Norman-Burler. Mrs Catherine Clark, Miss Kate Houre, Mr Erra Clark, Miss Kate Houre, Mr Terence Cooper, Mrs M Marun, Miss Syvia Loeb, Mr Eric Norris, Mr Derek Bristow, Mr and Mrs James MacGibbon, Mr Michael Jamieson, Mr Bruce Tatersall. Mrs M Burchardt, Mr T F S Scott, Mr Nell Petersen, Ms Rosemany Scoular.

Mr James Bernard, Mr R A Bawden, Mr Florence O'Donoughue, Mr Miss Prue Miss Sarah Waters, Miss Polly Hone, Miss Sarah Waters, Miss Prue Fuller, Mr Robert de Stacpoole, Miss Dawn Fozard, Mrs Jop Pillow, Mr T Im Robertson, Professor Donald Hawes, Miss Pat Malley, Mr Richard Fenn, Mr Peter Gulmaraens, Mrs Sarah Doyle, Miss Sheila Chappelle, Prebendary Gerard Irvine and Miss Irvine.

Ronald Mason

A service of thanksgiving for the life and work of Ronald Mason, former Head of Programmes, BBC Northern Ireland and Head of Drama, BBC Radio, was held yesterday in St Anne's Cathedral, Belfast. The Dean of Belfast officiated, assisted by the Rev Ernest Rea, Head of Religious Broadcasts, BBC.

Tydeman read the lessons Mir. James Ellis read Praver before Birth by Louis MacNeice and Mr J. J. Murphy read from Faith Healer by Brian Friel, Dr James Hawthorne gave an address.

Geological Society of London

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the Geological Society of London, presented the society's annual awards at the Natural History Museum last night. Honours were received as follows: Wollaston Medal: Professor Doug-

Lyell Medal: Professor Barrie Rickards Murchison Medal: Professor Bernard Wood

William Smith Medal: Professor John Cherry John Coke Medal: Dr Peter Crok

Edward Coke Medal: Dr Michael Le Bigsty Medal: Professor James Jackson Sue Tyler Friedman Medal: Profes-sor Martin Guntau

Murchison Fund, Dr Tim Druitt Lyell Fund: Dr Peter Kokelaar

President's Award. Dr Lonergan

R.H. Worth Prize Dr Diana this year at St John's Smith Square Wollaston Fund: Dr Jan Alexander on Friday, July 4. As usual it will be preceded by the distribution of William Smith Fund. Dr Stephen President's Award: Dr Andrew Kerr lickets by Friday, June 27.

Service dinners HMS Victory Admiral Sir Michael Boyce, Sec-

ond Sea Lord and Commander-in-Chief Naval Home Command. was the host at a dinner held last night onboard his flagship HMS night onboard his liagship HMS Victory. Among the guests were Air Chief Marshal Sir John Allison. Commander in Chief Logistics Command. and Lady Allison. Vice Admiral C van Duywendijk. Deputy Commander-in-Chief Eastern Aflantic Area. the Vice-Chancellor of Cambridge University and Mrs Broers and Mr and Mrs PO Gershon. Royal Navy Club of 1765 and 1785

Rear-Admiral J.P.K. Harkness was the principal guest at a Royal Navy Club of 1765 and 1785 dinner held last night at the Army and Navy Club to mark the Official birthday of The Queen and to Rhine. Admiral Sir William O'Brien presided.

Indian Cavalry Officers' Brigadier John Wright was the guest of honour at the annual dinner of the Indian Cavalry Offices' Association held last night at the Cavalry and Guards Club Lieutenant-Colonel Douglas Gray

Dinner

presided.

Harefield Heart Science Centre Professor Sir Magdi Yacoub, FRCS, was the guest of honour at a dinner held on Wednesday night at the Inner Temple by Sir Cecil Clothier, KCB, QC, and Lady Clothier in aid of Harefield Heart

Service luncheon

Indian Police (UK) Association The Indian Civil Service (retired) Association and the Indian Police (UK) Association held their annua luncheon vesterday at Over-Seas House, St James's. Mr J.M. Phelps (ICS) and Mr S.E. Robinson (IP)

School news Westminster Cathedral Choice

The annual Concert will be held

prizes at 7.00pm by the Cardinal Archbishop of Westminster. Old Members of the School who would like to attend are asked to apply for PERSONAL COLUMN

Forthcoming marriages

Mr P.D. Grinke and Miss A.D. Rosseld

Mr J.E.S. Hand

and Miss A.D. Rosseler
The engagement is announced between Paul, only son of the late Professor Frederick Grinke and of Mrs Dorothy Grinke, of Eye. Suffolk, and Dominique, eldest daughter of the late Mr André Rosselet and of Mrs Joan Rosselet, of Nicholand Suringuages. of Neuchâtel, Switzerland.

and Miss L.E. Collum The engagement is announced between Jonathan, elder son of Mr and Mrs Malcolm Hand, of

Scotton, North Yorkshire, and Lucinda, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs Hugh Collum, of Fletching. Mr R.M. Jebb

and Miss K. Alexander

The engagement is announced between Robert, only son of Mr Michael Jebb, of Shrewsbury. Shropshire and Mrs Margaret Jebb, of Methyen, Perthshire, and Kate, eldest daughter of Mr and Mrs Terence Alexander, of East Molesey, Surrey. Mr P.C. Johnson

and Miss S.J. Adams

The engagement is announced between Paul, eldest son of Air Commodore P.G. Johnson, OBE, of Camberley, Surrey, and of Mrs Ann Kendrick, and Sarah, eldest daughter of Mr and Mrs Francis Adams, of Winchmore Hill, London Señor J.R. Ramirez Perez

and Miss J.L. Coulter

The engagement is announced between Juan Roberto, eldest son of Señora Maria Perez Sanchez and the late Señor Juan Roberto Ramirez, of Mexico City, and Joanna Lindsay, daughter of Mr Simon Coulter, of Geneva, and Mrs John Aylen, of Chedworth, Mr C. Richardson

and Miss S.J. Pulvertaft The engagement is announced between Craig, youngest son of Mr and Mrs Thomas Richardson, of Glasgow, and Sarah, elder daugh-ter of Rear Admiral and Mrs David Pulvertaft, of Trusham,

Lord Ezra

anniversary of the founding of the 25th annual conference of the Standing Conference of Atlantic Organisations and the 50th anniversary of Marshall Aid. Sir Frank Roberts, Chairman of the Standing Conference of Atlantic Organisations, and Dr Walter Lessing. Chairman of the Mid-Atlantic Club of London, also spoke.

Lecture

Royal Society Clifford Paterson Lecture yesterday at 6 Carlton House Terrace. Professor J.S. Rowlinson, Physical Secretary of the society, was in the chair.

Lord Biffen

The life barony conferred upon Mr William John Biffen has been gazetted by the name, style and title of Baron Biffen, of Tanat in the County of Shropshire.

Baroness Lestor of Eccles

Miss Joan Lestor has been gazetted by the name, style and title of Baroness Lestor of Eccles, of Tooting Bee in the London Borough of Wandsworth.

Mr S.M. Harman and Miss A.J. Ayres

The engagement is announced between Steven, son of Mr and Mrs M. Harman, of South London, and Annabel, daughter of Mr and Mrs PJ. Ayres, of Appleton, Oxfordshire.

Mr A.J. Stubbs and Miss J.L. Hall

The engagement is announced between Andrew James, younger son of Mr W.C. Stubbs, of Sutton Hall, Sutton upon Derwent, and Mrs J. Pickles, of Roundhay, Leeds, and Jane Louise, only daughter of Mr and Mrs G. Hall, of Burton upon Trent.

Mr F. Verdier and Miss C.L. Sherlock The engagement is announced between Francis, son of M and Mme Philippe Verdier, of Arsac, Bordeaux, and Caitlin, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs Timothy Sherlock, of Billingshurst, West

Sussex. Mr C.R. Willia and Mrs L.O.S. Medlam The engagement is announced between Christopher, second son of the late Mr Bernard Williamson

and of Mrs Williamson. of Berry Hill. Newport, Pembrokeshire, and Brigid, daughter of Dr and Mrs Thomas Tangney. Blackheath, London. Mr J.C. Woods and Miss M-L. Logan

The engagement is announced between Jonathan, son of Mr and A Mrs C.A. Woods, of Burpham, Guildford, and Marie-Louise, daughter of Commander and Mrs W.M. Logan, of Fulham, London.

Marriage Mr J.A.B. Merrison

and Ms G. Hopkins The marriage took place on Thursday, May 29, between Mr James Merrison, youngest son of Mr and Mrs Harry Merrison, of Billingshurst, West Sussex, and Ms Giulia Hopkins, youngest daughter of the late Or Eric Amoroso-Centeno and Amoroso-Centeno

Luncheon

Lord Ezra was the host at a buffet luncheon held yesterday at the House of Lords to mark the 25th Mid-Atlantic Clubs, the year of the

Royal Society

The life barony conferred upon

Anniversaries BIRTHS: Velázquez, painter. Se-

ville, 1599; Pierre Corneille, dramatist, Rouen. 1606; Nathan Hale, American Revolution patriot, Coventry, Connecticut, 1755: Alexander Pushkin, writer, Moscow, 1799; William Ralph Inge, Dean of St Paul's 1911-34, Crayke, Yorkshire, 1860: Robert Falcon Scott, Antarctic explorer, Devonport, 1868: Thomas Mann, novelist, Lübeck, lermany, 1875; William Cosgrave, President of the Executive Council of the Irish Free State 1912-32, Dublin, 1880: Ahmed Sukarno, President of Indonesia 1949-67. Surabaya, Eastern Java, 1902. DEATHS: George Anson, Baron

Anson, admiral and navigator. Moor Park, Hertfordshire, 1762; Patrick Henry, American states-man, Red Hill, Charlotte County, Virginia, 1799; Henry Grattan. Irish patriot, London, 1820; Jeremy Bentham, philosopher, London, 1831: Count Camillo di Cavour, Italian patriot, Turin, 1861: Sir John Macdonald, Prime Minister of Canada 1867-73 and 1878-91, Ottawa. 1891; Sir Henry Coward. musician, Sheffield, 1944; Gerhart Hauptmann, dramatist. Nobe laureate 1912. Agnetendorf. Germany, 1946; Carl Gustav Jung. psychologist, Zurich, 1961, Robert Kennedy, American Attorney-General, shot, Los Angeles, died this day, 1968. The first public museum, the

Ashmolean, was opened by Elias Ashmole, Oxford, 1083. Persil, the first household detergent. was marketed by Henkel et Cie. of Dusseldorf, 1907. D-Day, when Allied troops landed in Normandy 1944.

George Orwell's novel Nineteen Eighty-Four was published, 1949.

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Love the Lord your God, obey him, and hold fast to him; that is life for you and length of days on the soil which the Lord swore to give BIRTHS

ALDINGTON - On 1st June 1997, to Molissa (née Trowell) and Richard, ; ANDERSON - On 26th May, to Guidan (née Akester) and Mark, a daughter, Sophia Elizabath, a sister for Kate and James.

GROWN - On May 13th at The Portland Hospital, to Susan (née Smallwood) and Wayne, a daughter, Lottie Emily Rose, a sister for Hurry and Lily. CHAPMAN - On 23rd May, to Fiona (note Bray) and John, doughter, Lucy Victoria, sister for Daniel.

HILLERY - On May 29th, to Sophie and Duncan, a daughter, Eliza Margare MacLeod, a sixter for Mair and friend for Tobystubbe the wild animal. INGLE - On June 1st 1997 at The Portland Hospital, to Jane (nee Griffiths) and Tom, a beautiful son, Edan, a

MAN - On 4th June 1997, to Stephanie (née Moore) and David, a son, Lucas Richard, a brother for Oliver. MUR - On June 1st 1997 at Chelsea and Westminster Hospital, to Jacqui (nee Booker) and Lan, a daughter Laca Elizabeth.

NORMANEY - On June 3rd to Nicola (née Shulman) and Constantine, a son Thomas Heury Winston, brother for Sibylia and John. PEAGRAM - On May 23rd at The Portland Hospital, to Kary (nee Ellis) and Michael, a son, Charles, a brother for PITMAN - On June 3rd 1997 at the Chelses and Westminster Hospital, to Elizabeth (Chaplin) and Martya, a daughter, Eminu Victoria.

ROGERS - On June 3rd, to Chare (née Greenshields) and Colin, two sons, Casper and Freddie, brothers for Alexandra and Bugo.

ROSS - On 5th June in Wallington, New Zealand, to Elizabeth (née Dowing) and John, a daughter, Alice Caroline. HIPSON - On 4th June 1997 to Hazei and Geoffrey, lovely son, Thomas Geoffre Robert, a brother for Ben. STEELE - On 29th May 1997, to Suresha (née De Almeida and Adrian, a son, Danie Joseph Anthony.

STUDO SUTCLIFFE - On 4th june 1997, to jenny and Peter, a son, Samuel Hedley, a brother for Lily Rose. Deo Gratias. DEATHS

ARMOID - On 3rd June 1997 at King's College Hospital, aged 46, Christopher James Timothy, beloved husband of Susy and father of Kingy and father of Susy and father of Fugh, Mary and Adrian Funeral Service at St Michael's Church, Stockwell Park Road, at 10:30 am on Thundry 12th June, followed by private cremation. Family flowers only donations if desired to King's College School of Dentistry and Medicine MIS Research Fund. c/o Ashton Funeral Services, 335 Wandsworth Road, SWB 2)Q. BAILEY - John Eustace of Hove

BAILEY - John Eustace of Hove aged 76 years. Died peacefully on 3rd June 1997 surrounded by his devoted family. Dearly loved and loving husband for 53 years family. Desrly loved and loving husband for 53 years of Rita. Desress Dad to Tricia, Margie and Geoff and darling Popps to his 7 grandchikiren and friend to so many, Service at St Peter's Caurch, West Blatchington, Hove on Friday 12th June at 12.30 pm followed by cressation. Frankly flowers only, but denations if desired to The Editish Heart Foundation of thaningtons. desired to The British Heart Foundation c/o Hanningtons F/D, 4/6 Monteffore Road, Hove. Tel: 01273 778733.

DEATHS BURTON - Reginald William
Boteler (Reggie), Emericus
Fellow of Oriel College,
Oxford, died peacefully on
June 4th aged 88. He was
much loved by his wife
Heater and his three
daughters Catharine,
Himbert and Janet and by
his six grandchildren. His
funeral service will be held
at the Oxford Crematorium
at 230 pm on Friday June
13th, to which all friends are
welcome. A Memorial Service
will be held at a later date.

CROWDEN - Dr. Andrew, OBE FRCP, who made a significant contribution to the medical services in East and West Africa, on 2nd june 1997. Very much loved brother of Guy, Jessamy, Pensiope and their families. Private cremation on 9th june at St. John's Church Stammore, Middlesor at 12 noon. Family flowers only please or donations to Gardeners' Royal Benevolent Society, co Stoodley's E/D. Crewkame, Somerset, TA18 Crewkerne, Somerset, T. 7LU. Tel: 01460 73229.

DUMBAR - On June 3rd Latharine Anne (Rancy) of Winsley, near Harrogate, aged 87 years, widow of Archie Dunbar. Funeral Service at 8t Jude's Church, Harrwith, near Harrogate, on Toesday June 10th at 12 noon Donations, if desired, to Hartwith Church.

EASTWOOD - Cocily, beloved daughter of Allson and Bastl and sister of Allson and Bastl and sister of Allson verify and Phillippa, aged only 19, on 2nd June in a road accident in Zambis Funeral at 5t James the Great, Stonesfield on Wednesday 11th Jone at 2.30 pm. Garden or wild flowers only please. Donations if desired will go to AIDS orphams in kirwe, Zambis where Cocily will go to AIDS explains in Kitwe, Zamida where Socily was working (Cheques should be made payable to Cecily Eastwood Memorial Account and should be cent to the family at The Woodshed, Stableyard, Stonestield CUE 869, There will also be a celebration of Centire life on Editors. Cecity's life on Sunday 14th

GREENAWAY Olga of Somerset, Crewkerne, Somerset, peacefully about the motor vessel Oriana, widow of Leslie Reginald, mother of Philip, Alison and Colin. Faneral Service will take place on Thursday 12th june at Yeovil Crestatorium at 11.30 am, Family flowers only please, Donations if desired for Trinity Hospice, Capham Common, cho AJ, Wakely & Sons, Chappel House, Hermitage Street, Crewkerne, Somerset, telt (01460) 745-47.

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KEMMEDY - Dayld Kenneth.
Saddenly on 2nd June 1997,
aged 63 years. Dearly loved
husband of Esy and father of
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grandfather of Alexander.
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Wycombe, Bucks HP10 91F.
Funeral Service at St.
Michael & All Angels Church,
Hughenden, Bucks on
Monday 16th June at 12
noon.

noon.

KIRBY - Arthur Alexander

(Alec) Khby MBE pecefully
at home on jume bith after a
long illness. Beloved
husband of Doris, loving
father to Adrian and Marion,
grandfather to Nathan,
Alexia, Catrina and Isabella.
Funeral Service on
Wednesday 11th June at
Christ Church, Now Malden,
I.45 pm. Private cremation
to follow. Flowers and
anquiries to F.W. Paine, 29
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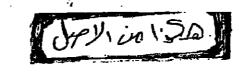
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Ronnie Lane, pop singer, songwriter and bassist, died vesterday in Trinidad, Colorado, from multiple sclerosis aged 51. He was born on April I. 1946.

ntil multiple sclerosis put an end to his career in the late 1970s, Ronnie Lane was never far from the heart of British pop. Even when too ill to perform, he remained a popular figure, and the roster of stars who played henefit concerts for him after the onset of his disease - Eric Clapton, Jeff Beck, Bill Wyman, Stevie Winwood, Jimmy Page - was proof of the esteem and affection in which he was held.

As a founder member of the Small Faces, Lane helped to create one of the great British groups of the 1960s. Formed as the quintessential Mod band in 1965 - all rhythm'n'blues and mohair suits - they made a typical progress towards the sonic adventures and flowery shirts of late-1960s psychedelia. Through it all - thanks in no small part to Lane's skinny, goodhumoured, cockney presence — they retained a quirky charm, a tongue-in-cheek English wit that allowed them to blend their musical sources into a sound uniquely their own. They proeduced some of the most enduring songs of the period, many of them co-written

by Lane. That easygoing appeal was taken further when the Small Faces turned into the Faces and went big. Fronted by the singer Rod Stewart, their cheerful combination of sloppily laddish behaviour and taut musical precision made them one of the most successful acts of the 1970s. Lane's later career never reached the same heights, though as a solo artiste and with his own group. Slim Chance, he continued to produce well-crafted and engaging songs, performed with integrity and style.

Ronnie Lane was born in Plaistow, east London. At 19 he was playing the local pubs in a trio with the drummer Kenney Jones and the organist Jimmy Winston: they were joined in mid-1965 by the singer and guitarist Steve Marriott, who had been performing in musicals such as Oliver! from the age

of 12, and the Small Faces were born. British pop was booming. The styleconscious Mod scene offered a thriving market for tightly structured dance music, and with record labels anxious not to miss the next sharp-suited

RONNIE LANE



sensation, the group had no difficulty in securing a recording contract. Within weeks they had their first Top 20 hit, with Watcha Gonna Do About It, a finely honed homage to American R&B, in which Lane and the band created a perfect punchy showcase for the impassioned whine of Marriott's

Winston was soon replaced by Ian McLagan, and the group began to build a solid following with an energetic round of live performances. The following year brought further chart success, with Sha-La-La-La-Lee, Hey Girl and All or Nothing, the group's

A change of label in 1967 heralded a

tin, they created their own endearingly eccentric brand of psychedelia, catching to perfection the lazy, slightly fuddled charm of the era.

productive new phase of experiment and creativity. In songs such as Inchycoo Park and Lazy Sunday Afternoon, and on the chart-topping album Ogden's Nut Gone Flake with its circular sleeve modelled on a tobacco

Marriott's departure, to form Humble Pie with Peter Frampton in 1969. signalled the end of the Small Faces. Lane and his colleagues soon got back together, however, joined by Ronnie Wood and Rod Stewart of the Jeff Beck Group. Their early recordings albums such as First Steps, Long Player and A Nod's as Good as a Wink, and memorable singles such as Stay with Me - were an accurate reflection of their live act: raucous, rugged and not nearly as ramshackle as it seemed.

The raw, distinctive rasp of Stewart's voice soon became the group's main selling point; so much so, that the others began to feel overshadowed. As Stewart's parallel solo career blossomed, the tensions within the Faces became more acute. The downto-earth Lane, in particular, was quite out of sympathy with Stewart's only half-ironic flirtation with the trappings of glam rock, and he left the group in

Lane's new group, Slim Chance, which included Benny Gallagher and Graham Lyle, who were later to be a successful act in their own right, had a Top 20 hit in 1474 with How Come. It was followed by another, equally lively but slightly less successful single. The Poacher, and by a well-received album, Anymore for Anymore, on which Lune combined homespun cover-versions with some unpretentious original

Lane's determination to create an ambitious travelling rock circus, complete with jugglers, fire-eaters and sideshows, ran into financial difficulties, and the original Slim Chance broke up. Lane replaced it with a new line-up and recorded two outstanding albums, Ronnie Lane's Slim Chance and One For the Road, before disbanding the group altogether in 1977.
That year, which saw Lane record-

ing a critically acclaimed collaboration with Pete Townshend of The Who, also saw the onset of the disease that was to bring his career to a close. He recorded another solo album in 1979, See Me, before his condition deteriorated and he was confined to a wheelchair. He continued to perform as and when he

Lane, whose considerable earnings had been consumed by years of high living, found himself in severely straitened circumstances and struggling to meet medical bills. Famous friends from the Sixties came to his rescue with a series of concerts to benefit both him and the charities researching his condition.

Lane was three times married. He is survived by his third wife, Sue, whom he married in 1989, and by the children of a previous marriage.

JOHN EWERS

John Ewers, American ethnologist, died on May 7 aged 87. He was born on July 21. 1909.

JOHN EWERS devoted his life to preserving a culture often sharply at odds with his own traditional American upbringing. An ethnologist and champion of American Indian history, he was considered one of the foremost scholars in the United States in the anthro-pology of Plains Indians and the history of the West.

His three-and-a-half years living among the tribal elders of the Blackfoor Indian tribe in the 1930s resulted in a groundbreaking study of its culture. It provided first-hand accounts of life before the tribes were affected by white settlers. Scholars today directy credit the spawning of further studies into the cultures of the Blackfoot, Crow and Salish Kootenai tribes to his early research.

John Canfield Ewers was born in Cleveland, Ohio, and graduated from both Dartmouth College and Yale University with degrees in anthropology. Working under the direction of anthropologist Clark Wissler, Ewers resolved to devote his life to recording the oral histories of the Plains Indians, particularly of the Blackfeet and their neigh-

Indeed, his first book, Plains Indian Painting: A Description of Aboriginal American Art (1939) actually began as his master's thesis.

bours.

In 1934 Ewers went to work as a field curator for the National Park Service. He followed this with a term at the Bureau of Indian Affairs in Browning, Montana, and it was there that he founded the Museum of the Plains Indian. becoming its first curator in After two years as an officer

in the US Navy in the Pacific during the Second World War, Ewers returned to the United States, his passion for Indian culture remaining undimmed.



When he joined the Smithsonian Institution in Washington in 1946 as associate curator of ethnology, he resolved to bring Native American history to the fore and breathe sharp life into the musty halls of the museum.

It was a time, he later recalled, when visitors scoffed at the dusty exhibits as "horrible examples from the horse and buggy days".

He quickly went to work upgrading displays, designing education programmes and managing the installation of exhibits from among the Smithsonian's 10 million specimens. Ethnographers today attribute to Ewers a seminal bridging of the gap between white and Native

American culture. Although highly regarded for his work at the Smithsonian. Ewers's books on Native American culture brought him to national attention. His sensitivity to, and dissection of, Native American life was considered to be groundbreaking in the field of anthropology. He wrote, among other things, The Horse in Blackfoot Indian Culture (1955), The Blackfeet: Raiders on the Northwestern Plains (1958) and Indian Art in

Pipestone (1979).

an ethnologist went far beyond the world of academia. The noted Native American fiction writer James Welch. often called the "Indian Hemingway*, considered Ewers a crucial influence on his work. In his novel Fools Crow (1987). Welch recounted the story of the Marias River Massacre of 1870 when white settlers slaughtered 173 Indians, mostly women and child-ren. He relied primarily on Ewers's works to flesh out historical detail, and from Ewers, he said, he learnt how to tan a hide and perform a sun dance ceremony.

In 1979 Ewers retired from the Smithsonian after being given the title of ethnologist emeritus. He was a fellow of the American Anthropological Association, and his contributions to the history of the Plains Indian ethnology and museology brought him many honorary degrees and awards. among them the Honor Award of the Native American

Art Studies Association. Ewers continued to be very active professionally, conducting research, publishing, speaking and attending con-

ferences until early this year. His wife. Margaret Dumville Ewers, died in 1988, after 53 years of marriage. He is The reach of his influence as survived by two daughters.

HELEN **JACOBS**

Heien Jacobs, American tennis player, died on June 2 aged 88. She was born on August 6, 1908.

"NOT for many a day." *The* Times reported, "has Wimbledon heard a warmer cheer than that which greeted Miss H. Jacobs ... as, at long last, she made her bow on the Centre Court as Lady Champion." It was persistence as much as talent that had endeared Jacobs to the crowd on that overcast Saturday in 1936; this was her fifth final in eight years. And it was persistence that secured her eventual victory over Hilde Krahwinkel Sperling of Denmark in a hard-fought match lasting an hour and forty minutes. "There has seldom been a final match that looked so even before it was begun and turned out to be perhaps closer than anyone had expected," The Times correspondent thought. Towards the end, it

was not so much a matter of shared a coach, William strokes - 30, 40 or even 50 to the rally — as of the dogged will to win of each player."
Success at Wimbledon was

the high point of a career that had already seen Jacobs take the US national title four years running, from 1932 to 1935. In 1936 she was ranked No 1 in the world. But it is not as a champion that she will chiefly be remembered. It was her misfortune that her playing days coincided with those of another, more formidable American woman, Helen Wills Moody, and in the widely publicised rivalry between "the two Helens", it was Jacobs who almost invariably

came off worse. Helen Hull Jacobs was born in Globe, Arizona, and grew up in San Francisco. She and Helen Wills lived in the same salubrious suburb, went to the same school and were members of the same tennis club in Berkeley, where they even

C. ("Pop") Fuller. In temperament, however, the two were very different. Jacobs was genial, energetic and tenacious; Wills, three years her

senior, was aloof, determined and icily assured. Relations hetween them were always cool, though never, each insisted, as cool as the press was fond of suggesting. The ever-eager Jacobs became known as "Little Helen". "Helen Two" or "Helen the Second"; the indomitable Wills was "Helen the First", "Big Helen", "Miss Poker Face". "To play Helen Wills was to

play a machine," Jacobs said; her demeanour on court was stony, her silence unrelenting. The players first met in a practice match in 1923, a tryout for Jacobs who lost 6-0. 6-0 in the space of twenty minutes. "Thus," she wryly observed, "was I introduced to the sort of tennis that wins national championships."

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The first such championship encounter for the two Helens came five years later at Forest Hills; Wills won 6-2, 6-1. The next year, Wills was invited by the United States Lawn Tennis Association to play a series of internationals in Europe with a partner of her choosing. Jacobs, by then second in the American rankings, was the obvious choice: when Wills picked Edith Cross instead, it gave rise to much discussion.

Jacobs went to Europe anyway in 1929, meeting Wills in Wimbledon final. The match was almost a rerun of their contest at Forest Hills. So, too, was the final of the French championship in 1930. But their most famous battle was three years later. Jacobs had won the American national championship in 1932, but the gloss was rather taken off her achievement by the fact that Wills did not take part that year. As a result their 1933

FARESAVERS

meeting at Forest Hills was all the more keenly anticipated.

Played before a crowd of 8,000. it was Wills's eighth attempt at the championship she had won it in 1923, 1924 1925, 1927, 1928, 1929 and 1931. She had not lost a match on any court since 1926. Jacobs, having taken advice from Suzanne Lenglen, the great French champion of the 1920s, was determined to go to the net as often as possible; there was no point standing on the baseline swapping drives with a player of Wills's power and precision.

The tactic worked, and Jacobs took a fiercely contested first set 8-6; it was the first set she had ever won against Wills, and the first Wills had lost to anyone in some six years. Wills came back to win the second 6-3. Then, in the third, when Jacobs was leading 3-0, Wills suddenly complained of injury announced that she would have to withdraw. It gave Jacobs the match by default, but it somewhat soured her

"There is no doubt." Jacobs drily remarked in a book she later wrote, "that Helen, for her own sake, would have been wiser if she had remained on the court for the twelve points necessary for me to end the match in the third set." As it was, Wills then announced her determination to play as scheduled in the final of the ladies' doubles, until persuaded by officials and her partner that this was unlikely to find favour with the crowd. She never played at Forest Hills again.

Jacobs always denied that she bore a grudge, but the Forest Hills incident was widely taken as evidence of hostility between the two women, and this coloured the public's view of their subse-

quent encounter in the Wimbledon Ladies' final of 1935, before a capacity Centre Court crowd. Wills. who herself launched a surprising net attack in the second set, won the match 6-3, 3-6, 7-5, though Jacobs had had match point at 5-3. Jacobs resented sugges-tions that Wills had been excessively jubilant in victory. or that she herself had been tearful in defeat. The two great rivals had

what turned out to be their last major competitive encounter at Wimbledon in 1938, with Wills the victor once again. It was a thoroughly one-sided affair. Jacobs, who had injured her Achilles tendon in a quarter-final match against

Jadwiga Jedrzejowska, further damaged it in leaping to meet a cross-court return in the fifth game of the first set of the final. Mindful of Forest Hills, perhaps, she played on. Jacobs eventually retired

from tennis in 1947, having

won nine Grand Slam ritles tand a triple crown of singles. doubles and mixed doubles at the 1934 United States Nationals). She spent 12 years in the world top ten from 1928, and earned her place in Wimbledon history not just as a well-liked winner and runnerup, but as the woman who popularised "masculine" shorts on court ("It seemed the sensible thing to do, " she said).

During the Second World

War she served in US naval intelligence, and she re-enlisted in the Navy in 1949. eventually serving more than Il years in all, and reaching the rank of commander, one of only five woman to have done so at the time.

She later worked as the business partner of the London society photographer Dorothy Wilding, and was also a farmer, dog-breeder and sportswear designer. She was a prolific writer whose 19 books included volumes of autobiography, tennis coaching guides, appreciations of great women athletes, stories for schoolgirls and novels set in the world of tennis. She never married.

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(FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.) SAINT-CLOUD, JUNE 5.

R. Lacoste defeated W.T. Tilden in the final round of the French Hard Courts Champ-ionship here to-day by three sets to two (6-4, 5-7, 6-1, 3-6, 11-9).

When the match was over the French spectators gave Lacoste a great ovation. He had certainly played an astonishing game, and twice had pulled an almost lost man of the fire. Tilden on each occasion had been within a point of victory. Lacoste, moreover, played for a time under a serious disidvantage. In diving to make a return during the third set, he strained a muscle in his leg and was scarcely able to do more than hobble about the court for the last three games. Tilden won that set. During a ten minutes' interval Lacoste's leg was massaged, and he came back to the court in a much improved

condition. He won the next set. The final set was one of the most exciting games of lawn tennis one could wish to see. The points alternated through nearly every game; first Tilden winning and then Lacoste. intil the score stood at 6-6. Then, Lacoste took the lead and won the seventh game by some remarkable placing. Tilden's service, how-

June 6, 1927

The American champion served three fast balls in succession which Lacoste seemed unable to see ..." This sounds only too true for the American was W.T. (Big Bill) Tilden, whose cannon-ball service could often be unplayable. Nevertheless, his French opponent. René Lacoste, won the match.

ever, proved too much for him in the next game. The American champion served three last balls in succession which Lacoste seemed unable to see. Tilden, in the next game, made the score read 40-15, but Lacoste recovered, as he did repeatedly throughout the match, took the game, and in the next game once more secured the lead. In the last three games a drizzle of rain was falling, and it began to look as though the match might be postponed. So great was the excitement that the umpire

several times had to appeal to the spectators Mile. Bournan. of Holland, won the Ladies' Singles by beating Mrs. Peacock, of South Africa, in two sets (6-2, 6-4). It was a question of agility triumphing over science and experience. The Dutch player was superior both in endurance and in her ability to get about the court.

Yesterday's play was marked by two striking French successes, two French teams winning the semi-finals in the Doubles. The Tilden-Hunter v. Borotra-Lacoste match. which had been begun on Thursday but abandoned owing to bad weather, was keenly contested during the first four of the five sets played. Hard drives in the earlier games and ilden's most masterful service at the end won the first set for the Americans. They were beaten in each of the next two sets, however, by 6 games to 2, Tilden's service being less dangerous. After a fourth set, in which the Americans' driving gave them victory, the final set was marked by brilliant play on the part of the French pair and, after winning the first game, the Americans lost five in succession. Cochet and Brugnon beat Condon and Raymond, but only after playing five sets. in which the South Africans put up a good

fight against superior experience.

DOUBLES: Semi-Final Round-R Lacoste and J Borotra (France) beat W T Tilden and F T Hunter (United States) (4-6, 6-2, 6-2, 3-6, 6-2); J Brugnon and H Cochet (France) beat L Raymond and J Condon (South Africa) (6-3, 4-6, 4-6, 6-2, 6-3).

NEWS

Tory membership falls by half

■ The state of the Tory party at the grass roots is even worse than suspected, according to an exclusive survey for The Times showing that membership has fallen by nearly a half in the past five years.

Tory membership is now a maximum of 350,000 to 400,000. and possibly very much less. This is the first time that the Tories have had fewer members than Labour.....

'Mad sheep' fears prompt slaughter

■ The Government is to extend "mad cow" controls to sheep because of fears that they may also have become infected with the fatal brain disease, and will order the compulsory slaughter of all sheep suspected of having scrapie. Jack Cunningham, the Agriculture Minister, said he was acting on scientific advice that BSE might be disguised as scrapiePage 1

Lottery talks

Camelot was locked in talks with the Government in a last-minute attempt to break the impasse over "fat cat" pav Page 1

Blair warning

Tony Blair will today give a stark warning to the European Left to "modernise or die", telling them that unless they reform their policies as new Labour did in Britain they will destroy themselves and ..Page 2

Driver 'murdered'

A pensioner collapsed and died as he fought to stop a thief hijacking his Lada car after getting lost in the back streets of Leeds, a court was told. ..Page 3

Nurses' hope

Lawvers for the two British nurses charged with murder in Saudi Arabia produced "dramaric new evidence" which they claim will destroy the case against them ...

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The Government has so many empty offices around the country they could create a new development one and a half times the size

Hospital closures

of Canary Wharf....

Consultants say they are ready to mastermind the closure of some smaller hospitals, but only if they are put in charge of the re-organisation and market forces play no partPage 10

Give way to buses

Motorists face higher taxes and slower trips through British cities under plans to ration road space in favour of buses. John Prescott

Churchill on CD-Rom

The Churchill papers, bought by the nation with £13 million of lottery funds, are to be put on CD-Roms. The deal will reopen debate over the purchase ... Page 13

Doors to history The Hotel Adlon, haunt of emperors and kings, film stars and Nazi leaders, has opened its doors again in Berlin, pledging to be the

"heart of the city at the heart of Europe" Page 16 Concord at top Lionel Jospin and Jacques Chirac

began power-sharing in France

amid the sort of courtesy that may presage rapid agreement on European policy..... Page 17 Victim was tortured Detectives believe that the mur-

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25 Nonconformist poem published

26 Pass round the French port (5).

27 Prepares poultry, say, for curries

28 Most striking time for English-

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2 Period after rapid economic

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3 Blissful time, messing about idly

4 Old schoolboy arrives in house by

5 Stupid, giving credit to a fool (5).

7 A primarily Middle Eastern rules

8 Very satisfied in strange way (7).

14 A number of muses within writ-

18 Tree appears to act beautifully

20 Skin treatment centre bringing

22 Chap whirled round endlessly (5).

23 Make fast for some Muslims (5). 24 King held captive in earlier

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16 Iron Duke, not lead Duke! (9). 17 Type of furniture run into in

6 Goat's rich dairy product (9).

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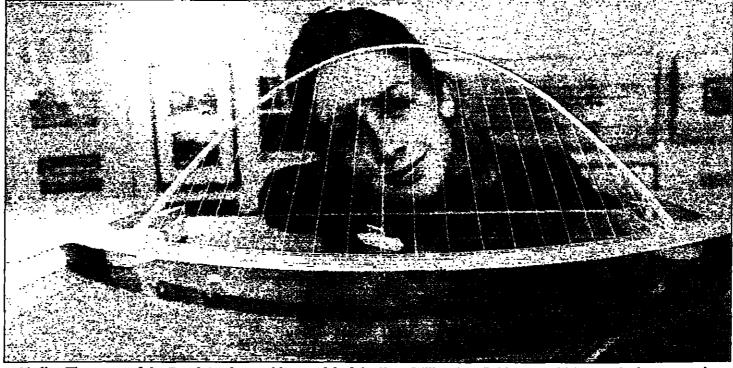
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German offers thanks in vintage style

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Maxim's, the Paris restaurant, has auctioned 8,000 of its 100.000 bottles of great vintage wines that have become too dear for diners. A case of 1945 Château Mouton-Rothschild Pauillac was bought for Fr532,000 (£56,000) by a German as an 85th birthday gift to a US soldier who liberated his village in 1945. The sale made more than Fr9 million in total Page 17



Nadine Thompson of the Royal Academy with a model of the Tyne Millennium Bridge, on which work is due to start in Gateshead next year. It is among 100 architectural drawings and models included in the academy's 229th summer show

BUSINESS

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growth slowingPage 27 Nationwide: Dissident members of the Nationwide Building Society launched a board election campaign that could spell the beginning of the end for mutual buildingPage 27

Markets: The FT-SE 100 rose 19.1 points to close at 4576.2. Sterling rose from 99.6 to 99.7 after a rise from \$1.6284 to \$1.6306 and from DM2.8158 to DM2.8195 Page 30 | tour

SPORT

Tennis: Martina Hingis reached her first French Open final with a three-set victory over Monica

Rugby union: Nigel Redman will replace Doddie Weir on the British Isles tour of South Africa. The management is demanding action against the player who caused Weir's injury.

Football: The English Sports Council, FA Premier League and Football Association are to set up a £55 million fund for ground improvements at smaller clubs Page 46

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son at the reconstructed Globe Theatre finally gets under way with The Winter's Tale. Benedict Nightingale was there ... Teen heroes: Primed with the certainties of youth, Oklahoma brothers Isaac, Taylor and Zachary Hanson - aged 16, 14 and 11 - are the latest pop sensation.....Page 36 Dark prince: Jeff Buckley, son of Tim Buckley and well on his own way to rock legend status, is missing, presumed drowned. Caitlin

Moran mourns his loss Page 37 On show: The architect Sandy Wilson has amassed a remarkable collection of figurative works by contemporary artists, some of which are on show in Chich-

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Low marks: When the General National Vocational Qualification started in 1992, it was thought the search for an alternative to academic qualifications was over. But students feel let down Page 41 Learning curve: At 73, Ida Staples is believed to be the oldest person to have appeared on University Challenge ...

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Streamlined, feminised and a priori morally unassailable: the composition of the Government formed by Lionel Jospin sticks to the promises made by its leader. M Jospin is applying the recommendations of his presidential campaign and thankfully has broken with the bad habits of the Socialists under François Mitterrand's two seven-year — Le Monde

TVLISTINGS Preview: Jilly Cooper's tale of adul-

tery and revenge, The Man Who Made Husbands Jealous (ITV, 9pm) Review: Matthew Bond says the performances in Keeping Mum were great, pity about the Pages 50, 51

OPWON

The Tory choice

Peter Lilley appreciates the complementary traditions within the Tory Party and wants to make use of them all. Most of all he exemplifies the best of those traditions, the love of liberty. For that he has our support ...

Flynn's flytrap

If Tony Blair had not signed the social chapter, new Britain might have had a longer honeymoon with the European Union Page 23

DNA dig

DNA and geophysical techniques have given archaeology what no historical discipline has previously enjoyed: the certainty of knowledge based on science.....

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PHILIP HOWARD

We at the Woolwich are taking the Halifax windfall with a superior smile following rumours that most punters are planning to blow their bonuses on a cruise...... Page 22 **MATTHEW PARRIS**

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JOHN LLOYD

Baroness Thatcher is a woman drawn to power. She can be flattered and pleased by gallantry, and Mr Blair has been courteous and charming to a fault..... ...Page 22

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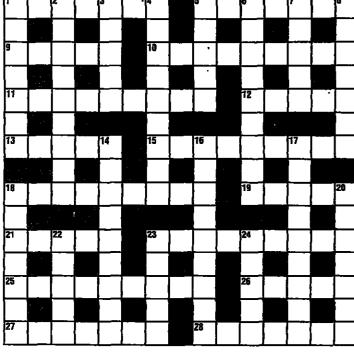
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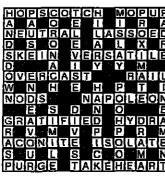
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FORECAST

☐ General: England and Wales will be mainly dry at first with sunny spells, but rain will soon reach the South West and then spread north. Most places should be quite warm.

Scotland and Northern Ireland will have outbreaks of rain, but most places should become dry for a time before more rain extends from the South during the alternoon, and evening Breezy but fairly warm. ☐ London, SE England, E Anglia: dry with sunny intervals developing. Becoming cloudier with some patchy

rain later Wind light, south, becom-ing fresh, southeast Max 24C, 75F ☐ Central S England, E Midlands, W Midlands, Channel Isles, SW England, S Wales, N Wales: dry start but outbreaks of rain are likely around midday, clearing away in the late afternoon. Wind southeast, mod-

erate becoming strong, turning south later. Max 23C, 73F ☐ E England, NW England, Lake District, Isle of Man, Central N England, NE England, dry with sunny spells but outbreaks of rain are

likely later. Wind moderate, south becoming fresh, southeast, perhaps strong Max 23C, 73F Borders, SW Scotland, Glas-gow, Argyll, N Ireland any rein soon clearing, then dry with sunny spells,

but more rain expected in the evening. Wind moderate to fresh, south becoming strong. Max 20C. 68F.

Aberdeen, Edinburgh & Dundee, Central Highlands, Moray
Firth, NE Scotland, N W Scotland, Orkney: rain will clear during the morning. Sunny spells in the afternoon but more rain expected in the evening. Wind tresh, southeast, then moderate, south, becoming strong later Max 19C, 66F.

Shetland dry at first but rain likely in the morning, cleaning later. Wind fresh occasionally strong, southeast, turning south Max 15C, 59F.

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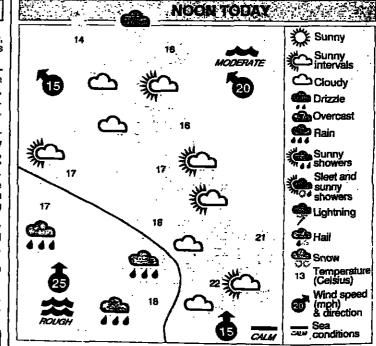
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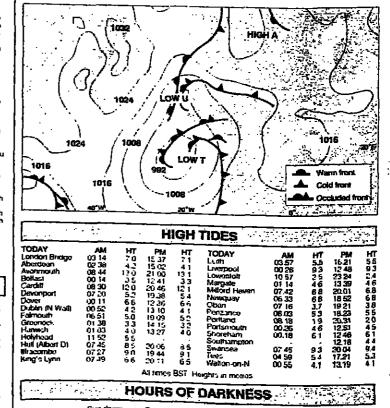
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